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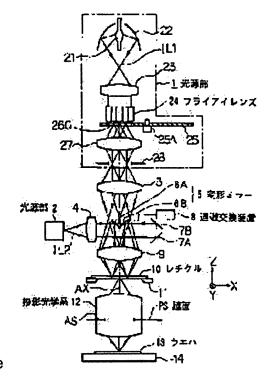
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# (54) PROJECTION ALIGNER

# (57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a projection aligner which can suppress fluctuations in high order spherical aberration when zonal illumination or modified illumination is carried out.

SOLUTION: Apart from a light source unit 1 for light exposure, another light source unit 2 is provided for emitting illumination light IL2 having such wavelengths that will not be sensitive to photoresist on a wafer 13. Provided on an optical path of illumination light IL1 is a modified mirror 5 of mirrors 6A and 6B having reflecting surfaces tilted toward a reticle 10. The illumination light IL1 for light exposure from the light source unit 1 is passed through a zonal region around the modified mirror 5; while the illumination light IL2 for non-exposure



is reflected by the reflecting surfaces of the modified mirror 5 to be directed toward the reticle 10 and a projection optical system 12. With the illumination light IL1 and IL2, a lens in the vicinity of a pupil surface of the projection optical system 12 can be illuminated with a uniform illumination distribution.

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#### **CLAIMS**

#### [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The projection optics which projects the image of the pattern on a mask on a sensitization substrate under the illumination light for exposure, In the projection aligner which has the illumination-light study system which illuminates said mask using the illumination light for said exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from an optical axis on the pupil surface of said projection optics, and a field [ \*\*\*\* ] The projection aligner characterized by establishing the auxiliary illumination system which irradiates the illumination light of a nonphotosensitivity wavelength region to the field through which the illumination light for said exposure does not pass on the pupil surface of said projection optics to said sensitization substrate.

[Claim 2] It is the projection aligner characterized by being a projection aligner according to claim 1, and said illumination-light study system illuminating said mask by the illumination light for said exposure from the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis.

[Claim 3] It is the projection aligner which has an optical integrator to be a projection aligner claim 1 or given in two, and for said illumination-light study system equalize the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for said exposure, and is characterized by preparing the fill-in flash induction material which leads the illumination light from said auxiliary illumination system to said mask between this optical integrator and said mask.

[Claim 4] In the projection aligner using the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of said projection optics in case the image of the pattern on a mask is projected on a sensitization substrate through projection optics under the illumination light for exposure The synthetic illumination-light study system which leads the nonphotosensitivity illumination light to the pupil surface of said projection optics to the illumination light and said sensitization substrate for said exposure, The projection aligner characterized by having the optical member which has the wavelength selection nature which passes only the nonphotosensitivity illumination light to said sensitization substrate side to said sensitization substrate in fields other than the field which it has been arranged on the pupil surface of said projection optics, and carried out eccentricity from said optical axis.

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#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[Field of the Invention] This invention is applied to the projection aligner which especially performs zona-orbicularis lighting etc. or uses the pupil filter of a main protection-from-light mold about the projection aligner used in order to expose the image of the pattern on a mask on a sensitization substrate at the photolithography process for manufacturing a semiconductor device, a liquid crystal display component, image sensors (CCD etc.), or the thin film magnetic head, and is suitable.

[Description of the Prior Art] In case the former, for example, a semiconductor device, is manufactured, projection aligners, such as a stepper who imprints on the wafers (or glass plate etc.) with which the image of the patterns (or photo mask etc.) of the reticle as a mask was applied to the photoresist as a sensitization substrate through projection optics, are used. In these projection aligners, in order to expose the pattern of a high degree of integration as much as possible to a wafer, while using the illumination light of short wavelength as much as possible as an exposure light, efforts of enlarging numerical aperture (NA) of projection optics and raising the resolution of the pattern imprinted have been made. [0003] However, the illumination which secures the depth of focus more than a certain extent, and obtains high resolution of making exposure light inclining to a reticle as an approach, and illuminating is developed, without being not much dependent on numerical aperture, since the depth of focus becomes narrow too much if numerical aperture of projection optics is only enlarged. This illumination has the so-called deformation lighting made into the small light source of plurality (for example, four pieces) which carried out eccentricity of the configuration of the zona-orbicularis lighting which makes the configuration of the secondary light source of an illumination-light study system the shape of zona orbicularis, and its secondary light source from the optical axis. According to such illumination, the resolution of projection optics improves also with the same exposure wavelength and the numerical aperture of the same projection optics. Moreover, pupil filters, such as the shape of zona orbicularis, are arranged to the pupil surface of projection optics, and the approach of raising resolution by the so-called "super resolution" is also developed.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] According to the lighting which illuminates the flux of light which does not use zona-orbicularis lighting etc. but carries out incidence of the reticle perpendicularly to a reticle in the above conventional technique with the exposure light uniformly distributed as a core As for the lens near the pupil surface of projection optics, a core and a periphery are illuminated by about 1 appearance in order to form the image of the pattern on a wafer according to the 3 flux of lights of the zero-order diffracted light which mainly passed the pattern of a reticle, the +primary diffracted light, and the -primary diffracted light. Moreover, also when not arranging the pupil filter of the shape of zona orbicularis which covers a core to the pupil surface of projection optics under the usual illumination, the lens near the pupil surface of projection optics is illuminated uniformly. If it is in such a lighting condition, in order that the core of a lens may mainly carry out a temperature rise, the heat

deformation and refractive-index change it is changeless less than in the secondary function about a location mainly take place, and only migration of the gauss (Gauss) image surface arises as main aberration fluctuation near an optical axis. Therefore, there were few possibilities that high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics might occur.

[0005] However, when it illuminates by zona-orbicularis lighting or deformation illumination, in order of the illumination light for exposure which passed the pattern of a reticle ] to mainly form the image of the pattern on a wafer by the zero-order diffracted light and the primary diffracted light, when there are many patterns near the limit-line width of face of the resolution of projection optics, the amount of the beam of light which penetrates near the optical axis of projection optics decreases extremely compared with a periphery. Moreover, even when the pupil filter which shaded near the optical axis to the pupil surface of projection optics has been arranged, the amount of the beam of light which penetrates near the optical axis of the lens arranged at the side near a wafer becomes less than a pupil surface extremely compared with a periphery.

[0006] Thus, if distribution of the exposure energy to the lens of projection optics becomes an ununiformity, the phenomenon in which the periphery of a lens mainly absorbs and carries out the temperature rise of the heat, and a core does not carry out a temperature rise will happen. Since the refractive index of a lens is changed partially or a lens carries out heat deformation in proportion to such a temperature rise, the refractive-index distribution equivalent to the aspheric surface and it higher order than the 2nd order is newly formed. Therefore, in the part near the optical axis of projection optics, there was un-arranging [ that high order spherical-aberration fluctuation newly arose not only in migration of the gauss image surface by the exposure of exposure light ].

[0007] In case this invention is exposed in view of this point using the pupil filter which shades near an optical axis, using zona-orbicularis lighting, deformation lighting, etc., it aims at offering the projection aligner with which high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics is suppressed, and high resolution is obtained.

[8000]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The 1st projection aligner by this invention For example, the projection optics which projects the image of the pattern on a mask (10) on a sensitization substrate (13) under the illumination light for exposure (IL1) as shown in drawing 1 (12), The pupil surface of the projection optics, Namely, the illumination-light study system which illuminates the mask (10) using the illumination light (IL1) for the exposure from the light source (the secondary light source is included) distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from an optical axis (AX) on the optical Fourier transform side (PS) over the pattern side of a mask (10), and a field [\*\*\*\*] (1, 3, 9), In the projection aligner which \*\*\*\*, the auxiliary illumination system (2) which irradiates the illumination light (IL2) of a nonphotosensitivity wavelength region to the field through which the illumination light for the exposure (IL1) does not pass on the pupil surface (PS) of the projection optics (12) is established to the sensitization substrate (13).

[0009] According to the 1st projection aligner of this this invention, it means using zona-orbicularis illumination and deformation illumination as using the illumination light for the exposure from the light source (IL1) distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis (AX) on the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12), and the field [ \*\*\*\* ]. In this case, the lens near the pupil surface of projection optics (12) is illuminated by the illumination light for exposure in the field which mainly carried out eccentricity from the optical axis (IL1), for example, high resolution is obtained to a predetermined periodic pattern. Moreover, since the field through which the illumination light for exposure (IL1) does not pass on the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) according to an auxiliary illumination system, i.e., the field near the optical axis, is illuminated by the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2) to a sensitization substrate, the illumination distribution over the lens near the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) becomes homogeneity, and the high order fluctuation component in heat deformation of a lens or change of a refractive index decreases. for this reason --being alike -- the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2) needs to be absorbed by the lens of projection optics (12), or the coating film of this lens with an absorption coefficient comparable as the

illumination light for exposure (IL1). Since spherical-aberration fluctuation of a lens is proportional to heat deformation of a lens or change of a refractive index, high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics (12) is suppressed. However, since the illumination light (IL2) from an auxiliary illumination system (2) is nonphotosensitivity, there is no effect in the image imprinted on a sensitization substrate (13).

[0010] In this case, as for that illumination-light study system, it is desirable to illuminate that mask (10) by the illumination light for that exposure from the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis (IL1). This means the illumination by the so-called zona-orbicularis lighting and deformation lighting, and, thereby, high resolution is obtained. Moreover, as for that illumination-light study system, it is desirable to have an optical integrator (24) for equalizing the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for that exposure (IL1), and to prepare the fill-in flash induction material (4, 6A-6D, 7A, 7B) which leads the illumination light (IL2) from that auxiliary illumination system (2) to that mask (10) between this optical integrator and its mask (10). Thereby, the illumination light (IL1) and illumination light (IL2) for exposure are easily compoundable.

[0011] Moreover, as the 2nd projection aligner by this invention is shown in drawing 6 In case the image of the pattern on a mask (10) is projected on a sensitization substrate (13) through projection optics (12) under the illumination light for exposure (IL1B) In the projection aligner using the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis (AX) on the pupil surface (PS) of the projection optics (12) The synthetic illumination-light study system which leads the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) to the pupil surface (PS) of the projection optics to the illumination light (IL1B) and its sensitization substrate (13) for the exposure (1B, 42, 2B, 4B, 7A, 8A), It is arranged on the pupil surface (PS) of the projection optics (12), and has the optical member (5B) which has the wavelength selection nature which passes only the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) to the sensitization substrate side to the sensitization substrate (13) in fields other than the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis. [0012] In order to use the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis (AX) on the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) according to the 2nd projection aligner of this this invention, it becomes using the pupil filter of a main protectionfrom-light mold substantially, and equivalence, and high resolution is obtained. In this case, by the optical member (5B), the illumination light for exposure (IL1B) passes only through fields, such as the shape of zona orbicularis, and the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) passes through fields other than the field which carried out eccentricity from that optical axis to a sensitization substrate (13). Therefore, since the lens near the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) is irradiated by two illumination light (IL1B, IL2B) by uniform illumination distribution, the high order fluctuation component in heat deformation of a lens or change of a refractive index decreases, and high order spherical-aberration fluctuation also decreases. And the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) does not affect the projection image on a sensitization substrate (13). [0013]

[Embodiment of the Invention] Hereafter, with reference to <u>drawing 1</u> - <u>drawing 3</u>, it explains per 1st example of the gestalt of operation of the projection aligner of this invention. This example applies this invention to the projection aligner of the stepper mold which projects the pattern on a reticle on each shot field on a wafer through projection optics.

[0014] As <u>drawing 1</u> shows the outline configuration of the projection aligner of this example and it is shown in this <u>drawing 1</u>, the three light source sections (in <u>drawing 1</u>, the two light source sections 1 and 2 have appeared) are prepared in the projection aligner of this example. At the time of exposure, from the 1st light source section 1, the illumination light IL 1 of the photosensitive wavelength lambda 1 is injected by the photoresist on a wafer 13, and the illumination light IL 2 of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength lambda 2 is injected by the photoresist on a wafer 13 from the 2nd light source section 2 and the 3rd non-illustrated light source section. After the illumination light injected from the light source 21 which consists of a mercury lamp of the light source section 1 condenses to the 2nd focus in the ellipse

mirror 22, it turns into emission light and carries out incidence to a non-illustrated interference filter etc., and the illumination light IL 1 of i line (wavelength of 365nm) is extracted by the interference filter. Next, the illumination light IL 1 serves as the parallel flux of light with the input lens 23, and carries out incidence to the fly eye lens 24 as an optical integrator. The secondary light source is formed in each injection side of each lens element of the fly eye lens 24, and the surface light source is made by these secondary light sources. In the injection side of the fly eye lens 24, two or more aperture diaphragms 26A-26C (refer to drawing 2 (a)) in which the switch for adjusting the magnitude of the surface light source is free are arranged. These aperture diaphragms 26A-26C are fixed to the turret-like disk 25, and a desired aperture diaphragm can be set as the injection side of the fly eye lens 24 by rotating a disk 25 by driving gear 25A.

[0015] Drawing 2 (a) shows the top view for explaining the concrete configuration of the aperture diaphragm on the disk 25 of drawing 1, and three aperture diaphragms 26A-26C are being fixed around the turret-like disk 25 by the equiangular distance in this drawing 2 (a). 1st aperture-diaphragm 26A has circular opening used when performing the usual lighting, and 2nd aperture-diaphragm 26B has small circular opening used when illuminating by the small coherence factor (sigma value). 3rd aperture-diaphragm 26C has big circular opening, and in this example, when performing zona-orbicularis lighting or deformation lighting, it sets the 3rd aperture-diaphragm 26C as the injection side of the fly eye lens 24. That is, at the time of zona-orbicularis lighting, aperture-diaphragm 26D of the shape of zona orbicularis shown in drawing 2 (b) is usually used, and aperture-diaphragm 26E which has four small openings arranged considering the optical axis shown in drawing 2 (c) as a core is used at the time of deformation lighting. However, in this example, aperture-diaphragm 26D etc. is substantially made to serve a double purpose by the below-mentioned deformation mirror 5 grade. In drawing 1, 3rd aperture-diaphragm 26C is arranged on the optical path of the illumination light IL 1.

[0016] The illumination light IL 1 which passed aperture-diaphragm 26C penetrates the 1st relay lens 27, and the lighting range is prescribed by the field diaphragm (reticle blind) 28. The illumination light IL 1 as which the lighting range was specified passes through the perimeter of the deformation mirror 5 which consists of four mirrors 6A-6D ( drawing 1 shows two of the mirrors 6A and 6B of it) which were injected from the light source section 1 and have been arranged in the shape of [ of concave ] 4 pyramids centering on the optical axis AX of an illumination-light study system through the 2nd relay lens 3 at the 2nd relay lens 3 side. The reflector of four mirrors of the deformation mirror 5 turns to an outside, and inclines about 45 degrees to the optical axis AX of an illumination-light study system. Furthermore, the top face of the deformation mirror 5 is arranged in the location [ \*\*\*\* / the arrangement side of aperture-diaphragm 26C ]. Incidence of the illumination light IL 1 which passed through the perimeter of the deformation mirror 5 is carried out to a reticle 10 through a condensing lens 9.

[0017] <u>Drawing 3</u> (a) shows drawing which saw the deformation mirror 5 of <u>drawing 1</u> from the reticle 10 side, in this <u>drawing 3</u> (a), it is an equal configuration mutually, and it is close and Mirrors 6A-6D are arranged so that four[ which make the optical axis AX of an illumination-light study system top-most vertices ] -sided pyramids may be formed. Moreover, the appearance 17 of the base of Mirrors 6A-6D forms one periphery centering on an optical axis AX as a whole. And it is constituted so that the illumination light IL 1 may pass through the field 15 of the shape of zona orbicularis between the appearance 17 and periphery 16 of the image of opening of aperture-diaphragm 26C of <u>drawing 1</u>. That is, the deformation mirror 5 of this example is making the zona-orbicularis-like aperture diaphragm serve a double purpose.

[0018] Return and the deformation mirror 5 are constituted by <u>drawing 1</u> so that it can exchange for another deformation mirror, while being able to evacuate with the evacuation swap device 8 at the outside of the optical path of the illumination light IL 1. Next, the 2nd light source section 2 is constituted including the lens system which emits the light source for un-exposing, and the flux of light from the light source on a predetermined flare square. And the nonphotosensitivity illumination light IL 2 is made the parallel flux of light by the relay lens 4, and carries out incidence to the photoresist injected from the light source section 2 arranged at the upper left section of a reticle 10 at mirror 6A in the deformation mirror 5 from the direction where the optical axis AX of an illumination-light study

system and a part cross at right angles. A part of illumination light IL 2 is caudad turned by mirror 6A, and it is reflected. The illumination light IL 2 which passed the lower part of mirror 6A carries out incidence of the flux of light which was reflected by Mirrors 7A and 7B, carried out incidence to mirror 6B in the deformation mirror 5, and was reflected by mirror 6B to a condensing lens 9 with the flux of light reflected by mirror 6A. Although not illustrated The optical system which consists of the light source section 2, a relay lens 4, and mirrors 7A and 7B, and the same optical system are arranged also in the direction perpendicular to the space of drawing 1. The nonphotosensitivity illumination light (also let this be the illumination light IL 2) is caudad reflected in a photoresist by the mirrors 6C and 6D (refer to drawing 3) in the deformation mirror 5 from the 3rd light source section arranged in the direction perpendicular to the space of this drawing 1. Therefore, the illumination light IL 2 is reflected in the circular field inside the zona-orbicularis-like field 15 through which the illumination light IL 1 passes in drawing 3 (a).

drawing 3 (a). [0019] In drawing 1, both the illumination light IL 2 reflected by the illumination light IL 1 which passed through the perimeter of the deformation mirror 5, and the deformation mirror 5 is irradiated on a reticle 10 with a condensing lens 9. The illumination light IL1 and IL2 irradiated on the reticle 10 passes the pattern space on a reticle, and is irradiated on a wafer 13 through projection optics 12. Under the illumination light IL 1 for exposure, about projection optics 12, the pattern side of a reticle 10 and the front face of a wafer 13 are conjugation, and since the illumination light IL 2 is nonphotosensitivity at the photoresist on a wafer 13, only the pattern image on the reticle 10 illuminated by the illumination light IL 1 for the exposure exposes the photoresist on a wafer 13. In this case, the optical Fourier transform sides over the pupil surface PS within projection optics 12, i.e., the pattern side of a reticle 10, are \*\*\*\*\* of aperture-diaphragm 26C as a result the top face of the deformation mirror 5, and conjugation, and aperture-diaphragm AS is arranged at the pupil surface PS. [0020] Although the wavelength lambda 1 of the illumination light IL 1 and the wavelength lambda 2 of lighting IL 2 change with classes of \*\* material which forms the class of photoresist, and the lens of projection optics 12 etc., in the usual case, wavelength lambda 1 chooses less than 530nm, and wavelength lambda 2 chooses the wavelength of 530nm or more. As illumination light IL 1 for exposure, although i line of a mercury lamp is used in this example, the bright line, ArF excimer laser light (wavelength of 193.2nm) and KrF excimer laser light (wavelength of 248.5nm) or copper steamy laser of a mercury lamp, such as g line (wavelength of 436nm), the higher harmonic of an YAG laser, etc. can be used in addition to it. Moreover, as illumination light IL 2, it is the wavelength which does not expose a photoresist, and the thing near the illumination light IL 1 as a whole has the desirable amount of light absorption per unit area in the \*\* material or coating film of a lens. From the semantics, as illumination light IL 2, when the rate of light absorption is small, the optical reinforcement of the light source is strong, and when the optical reinforcement of the light source is small on the other hand, the biggest possible thing of the rate of light absorption to the \*\* material or coating film of a lens of projection optics 12 is desirable. As an example of the illumination light IL 2, the laser beam (wavelength of 633nm) from helium-Ne laser etc. is mentioned, for example. [0021] In addition, when predetermined glass with the good permeability from a quartz or an ultraviolet area to a near-infrared region is used as \*\* material for the lenses of projection optics, since these \*\* material has a remarkable rate of light absorption from long wave length about 2 micrometers or more, it may use HF chemical laser light (wavelength of 2.4-3.4 micrometers) using the chemical reaction of hydrogen fluoride (HF) gas etc. as illumination light IL 2. Moreover, since optical glass other than a quartz contains the impurity, its illumination light which even the wavelength of 530nm or more has some which have a rate of light absorption near [cm] in 1%/, and has such a rate of light absorption near [cm] in 1% /is also effective enough. As an example of such illumination light, C line (wavelength of 656.3nm) from the hydrogen (H2) discharge tube, d line (wavelength of 587.6nm) from the helium (helium) discharge tube, etc. are mentioned. In drawing 1, the optical axis AX of an illumination-light study system has agreed with the optical axis of projection optics 12, below, takes the Z-axis in parallel with an optical axis AX, and takes and explains a Y-axis to the space of drawing 1 on a two-dimensional flat surface perpendicular to the Z-axis at right angles to the space of the X-axis and drawing 1 in

#### parallel.

[0022] The reticle 10 is laid on the reticle stage 11 which can be moved slightly to the direction of X, the direction of Y, and a hand of cut. The location of a reticle stage 10 is measured by the precision with the external laser interferometer (un-illustrating), and the location of a reticle stage 11 is controlled based on the measured value of the laser interferometer. On the other hand, a wafer 13 is laid on the wafer stage 14 which positions a wafer to the direction of X, the direction of Y, and a Z direction through a non-illustrated wafer holder, the location of the wafer stage 14 is measured by the precision with the external laser interferometer, and the location of the wafer stage 14 is controlled based on the measurement value. The actuation which moves by the wafer stage 14 at the core of each shot field of a wafer 13 focusing on exposure of projection optics 12, and exposure actuation are repeated by the step-and-repeat method, and the image of the pattern on a reticle 10 is imprinted by each shot field on a wafer 13.

[0023] Next, actuation of the projection aligner of this example is explained. In this example, since zona-orbicularis lighting is substantially performed by the illumination light IL 1 for exposure combining aperture-diaphragm 26C which has big opening, and the deformation mirror 5 as first shown in drawing 1, high resolution is obtained to a periodic predetermined pattern. Moreover, as shown in drawing 3 (a), the nonphotosensitivity illumination light IL 2 passes through the field inside a field 15 on the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, and a field [ \*\*\*\* / almost ] to the photoresist which the photosensitive illumination light IL 1 passed through the zona-orbicularis-like field 15 to the photoresist, and was reflected according to the reflector of the deformation mirror 5. If incidence of the illumination light IL1 and IL2 is carried out to projection optics 12 through the reticle 10 of drawing 1 in the state of such lighting, illumination light IL1 and IL2 will pass through the inside of the circular field centering on an optical axis AX as a whole on the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12. Therefore, the lens of the projection optics 12 of a near [ the pupil surface PS ] absorbs and carries out the temperature rise not only of a periphery but the core for heat energy. Therefore, with the lens near pupil surface PS, the rate of the secondary fluctuation component, heat deformation and refractive-index change, becomes large to a high order fluctuation component. Since spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics 12 is proportional to heat deformation of the lens near pupil surface PS, or change of a refractive index mostly, the secondary component of spherical-aberration fluctuation increases and high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics 12 is suppressed.

[0024] In addition, although the deformation mirror 5 for zona-orbicularis lighting was used in <u>drawing 1</u>, 4 pyramid-like deformation mirror 5A (refer to <u>drawing 3</u> (b)) which makes aperture-diaphragm 26E for deformation lighting shown in <u>drawing 2</u> (c) serve a double purpose is also prepared in this example. That is, when performing deformation lighting, deformation mirror 5A is set up on the optical path of the illumination light IL 1 instead of the deformation mirror 5 through the evacuation swap device 8 of drawing 1.

[0025] Drawing 3 (b) shows drawing which looked at deformation mirror 5A for deformation lighting from the reticle 10 side of drawing 1, in this drawing 3 (b), it is an equal flabellate form mutually, and it is close and four mirrors 19A-19D which constitute deformation mirror 5A are arranged so that four [which turned the convex to the reticle 10 which makes an optical axis AX top-most vertices] -sided pyramids may be formed. Moreover, as for Mirrors 19A-19D, the field by the side of a reticle 10 is one centering on optical axis AX periphery [appearance / which was seen from the reticle 10 of Mirrors 19A-19D by being a reflector]-as a whole 16A. This periphery 16A is almost equal to the periphery 16 of the circular field through which the illumination light IL 1 of drawing 3 (a) passes. Moreover, by the equiangular distance, it sees from a reticle 10 side inside periphery 16A of the appearance of each mirrors 19A-19D, and the circular transparency sections 18A-18D are formed in it, and it is constituted so that the illumination light IL 1 for exposure of drawing 1 may penetrate these transparency sections 18A-18D. This deformation mirror 5A is making aperture-diaphragm 26E for the deformation lighting of drawing 2 (c) serve a double purpose.

[0026] That is, through the evacuation swap device 8 of <u>drawing 1</u>, when performing deformation lighting by this example, the top-most vertices are turned to a reticle 10 side, and deformation mirror 5A

is arranged instead of the deformation mirror 5 of drawing 1, so that the top-most vertices of a pyramid may be in agreement with an optical axis AX. The illumination light IL 1 penetrates the four transparency sections 18A-18D, and is irradiated on the reticle 10 of drawing 1 by this. On the other hand, it is reflected in the field except the transparency sections 18A-18D within periphery 16A of drawing 3 (b), and the illumination light IL 2 for un-exposing is irradiated on a reticle 10. Since the top faces of deformation mirror 5A are the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, and conjugation, on the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, the circular field centering on an optical axis AX is illuminated by illumination light IL1 and IL2. Therefore, while high resolution is obtained by deformation illumination, high order spherical-aberration fluctuation is suppressed. And the illumination light IL 2 for un-exposing does not have a bad influence on an image formation property. Moreover, what is necessary is to evacuate the deformation mirrors 5 and 5A from the optical path of the illumination light IL 1 through the evacuation swap device 8, and just to set up the aperture diaphragms 26A and 26B of <u>drawing 2</u> (a) as an aperture diaphragm in <u>drawing 1</u>, when using the usual illumination. [0027] In addition, the photosensitive illumination light IL 1 is reflected in a photoresist in the reflector of the deformation mirrors 5 and 5A of drawing 3 (a) or drawing 3 (b), and you may make it a configuration which shades a part of nonphotosensitivity illumination light IL 2 to a photoresist. What is necessary is to prepare the circular transparency section, for example instead of the deformation mirror 5 of drawing 3 (a), so that the illumination light IL 2 may penetrate in the center section, and just to use the deformation mirror which has the zona-orbicularis-like reflector in which the illumination light IL 1 which carries out incidence from the direction which intersects perpendicularly around the transparency section to the illumination light IL 2 is reflected, while replacing the light source sections 1 and 2 and related arrangement of optical system in drawing 1 when making it such a configuration. [0028] Next, the modification of the 1st example of the gestalt of operation of this invention is explained with reference to drawing 4. This modification is again divided into two illumination light by the aperture diaphragm which has the wavelength selection nature which compounded beforehand the illumination light for exposure, and the illumination light of nonphotosensitivity [photoresist], and prepared the synthetic light before the reticle 10, and it is constituted so that a reticle 10 may be illuminated. In drawing 4, the same sign is given to the part corresponding to drawing 1, and the detail explanation is omitted.

[0029] Drawing 4 showed the outline configuration of the projection aligner of this modification, and arranges light source section 1A which injects photosensitive illumination-light IL1A to a photoresist like the light source section 1 of drawing 1, and light source section 2A which injects nonphotosensitivity illumination-light IL2A to a photoresist like the light source section 2 of drawing 1 in the form where a location is mutually replaced with, in this drawing 4. And the polarization beam splitter 31 is arranged in the location where those illumination-light IL1A and illumination-light IL2A cross. Illumination-light IL1A and IL2A of this modification presuppose that it is the linearly polarized light of P polarization, respectively. Illumination-light IL2A of P polarization of wavelength lambda 2 injected from the field diaphragm of light source section 2A is made the parallel flux of light by relay lens 4A, penetrates a polarization beam splitter 31, and is changed into the circular polarization of light by the quarter-wave length plate 34. On the other hand, it is injected from the field diaphragm of light source section 1A, and a polarization beam splitter 31 is penetrated from the direction which intersects perpendicularly with the optical path of illumination-light IL2A, it is reflected by the mirror 33 through the quarter-wave length plate 32, and incidence of the illumination-light IL1A of P polarization made the parallel flux of light by relay lens 3A is again carried out to the quarter-wave length plate 32, and it is changed into S polarization. It is reflected by the polarization beam splitter 31, and incidence of the illumination-light IL1A changed into S polarization is carried out to the quarter-wave length plate 34, and it is changed into the circular polarization of light. Incidence of illumination-light IL1A changed into the circular polarization of light by the quarter-wave length plate 34 and the IL2A is carried out to the aperture diaphragm 37 which has wavelength selection nature through relay lenses 35 and 36. [0030] Drawing 5 (a) shows the top view of an aperture diaphragm 37, and the aperture diaphragm 37 consists of a light filter 39 of the shape of zona orbicularis which penetrates illumination-light IL1A of

wavelength lambda 1, and hardly penetrates illumination-light IL2A of wavelength lambda 2, and a circular light filter 38 which penetrates illumination-light IL2A of wavelength lambda 2, and hardly penetrates the illumination light IL 1 of wavelength lambda 1 in this drawing 5 (a). Moreover, the aperture diaphragm 37 is arranged on the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, and the field [ \*\*\*\* ] so that a core may agree in an optical axis AX. And illumination-light IL1A from light source section 1A is irradiated by the field containing the zona-orbicularis-like light filter 39, and illumination-light IL2A from light source section 2A is irradiated by the field containing the circular light filter 38. [0031] After two illumination-light IL1A compounded by the polarization beam splitter 31 and IL2A pass an aperture diaphragm 37, they are irradiated on a reticle 10 through a condensing lens 9. The pattern image of a reticle 10 is projected on a wafer 13 through projection optics 12. On the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, the same illumination-light IL1A as the 1st example and IL2A pass through an almost circular field. The optical path of the following illumination-light IL1A and IL2A is attached like the 1st example, and omits explanation.

[0032] While the same high order spherical-aberration reduction effectiveness as the 1st example is acquired, in order for the aperture diaphragm 37 which has wavelength selection nature to prescribe the passage field of illumination-light IL1'A and IL2A according to this modification, the complicated configuration of using the deformation mirror 5 like the 1st example is unnecessary. Moreover, since light source section 2A of wavelength lambda 2 can be managed with one, the whole equipment can be constituted in a compact. Moreover, since the 2 flux of lights of the linearly polarized light compounded by the polarization beam splitter 31 are changed into the circular polarization of light by the quarterwave length plate 34, in case image formation is carried out on a wafer 13, a good imprint is performed even if the direction of the pattern of a reticle 10 changes. In addition, as it replaces with a polarization beam splitter 31 and the two-dot chain line of drawing 4 shows, dichroic mirror 31A can also be used. This dichroic mirror 31A penetrates illumination-light IL2A, it has the wavelength selection nature which reflects illumination-light IL1A, and both illumination-light IL1A and IL2A are compounded by this without futility. In this case, the quarter-wave length plates 32 and 34 and a mirror 33 become unnecessary, and it becomes easy to constitute them. Moreover, the aperture diaphragm 37 of drawing 4 is constituted so that it can exchange for aperture-diaphragm 37A for deformation lighting with the evacuation swap device 8 of <u>drawing 1</u>, and the same equipment.

[0033] In case drawing 5 (b) performs deformation lighting, it shows the top view of aperture-diaphragm 37A which has the wavelength selection nature used instead of the aperture diaphragm 37 of drawing 4, and it sets it to this drawing 5 (b). Aperture-diaphragm 37A Four small circular light filters 40A-40D which penetrate illumination-light IL1A of wavelength lambda 1, and hardly penetrate illumination-light IL2A of wavelength lambda 2, And the appearance which penetrates illumination-light IL2A of wavelength lambda 2 in the field except these light filters 40A-40D, and hardly penetrates illumination-light IL1A of wavelength lambda 1 consists of circular light filters 41. A light filter 41 has an outer diameter almost equal to the outer diameter of the light filters 39 of drawing 5 (a), it has four small circular openings formed by the equiangular distance near [ the ] the periphery, and light filters 40A-40D are formed in these four openings, respectively. Illumination-light IL1A for exposure passes four light filters 40A-40D, and nonphotosensitivity illumination-light IL2A passes the light filter 41 around the light filters 40A-40D to a photoresist. While deformation lighting is performed by this, high order spherical-aberration fluctuation is controlled.

[0034] In addition, in drawing 5 (a) and drawing 5 (b), the effectiveness that what does not penetrate illumination-light IL2A from light source section 2A as much as possible reduces high order spherical-aberration fluctuation as the light filter 38 which illumination-light IL1A from light source section 1A penetrates, and 40A-40D is large, and desirable. Next, the 2nd example of the gestalt of operation of the projection aligner of this invention is explained with reference to drawing 6. This example applies this invention, when using a zona-orbicularis-like pupil filter. In addition, in drawing 6, the same sign is given to the part corresponding to drawing 1, and the detail explanation is omitted.

[0035] <u>Drawing 6</u> shows the outline configuration of the projection aligner of this example, and in this <u>drawing 6</u>, since it is easy, it divides and explains projection optics 12 to up lens system 12A and lower

lens system 12B. In this example, deformation mirror 5B of the 4 same pyramid molds as the deformation mirror 5 of drawing 1 is arranged near the pupil surface PS between those up lens system 12A and lower lens system 12B. Illumination-light IL1B of the photosensitive wavelength lambda 1 is irradiated on a reticle 10 through a condensing lens 42 by the photoresist injected from the field diaphragm of the same light source section 1B as the light source section 1 of drawing 1. the aperture diaphragm in light source section 1B is the same as that of aperture-diaphragm 26C of drawing 2 (a) -big -- it is circular. The Fourier transform of the illumination-light IL1B which penetrated the reticle 10 is optically carried out by up lens system 12A, and it passes through the perimeter of deformation mirror 5B. Photosensitive illumination-light IL1B is shaded in the circular field centering on an optical axis AX by this deformation mirror 5B at a photoresist. That is, deformation mirror 5B is making the zonaorbicularis-like pupil filter serve a double purpose. After nonphotosensitivity illumination-light IL2B is made into the parallel flux of light by relay lens 4B, a part is reflected in the photoresist of wavelength lambda 2 injected on the other hand from the same light source section 2B as the light source section 2 of drawing 1 towards a wafer 13 side in the 1st reflector of deformation mirror 5B. In this case, illumination-light IL2B which passed the lower part of deformation mirror 5B like the 1st example of drawing 1 is reflected, and the mirrors 7A and 8A for making the 2nd reflector of deformation mirror 5B carry out incidence are arranged.

[0036] Furthermore, the light source section which supplies the illumination light of wavelength lambda 2 in the direction perpendicular to the space of drawing 6 to the 3rd and 4th reflectors of deformation mirror 5B also by this example is prepared. Illumination-light IL2B reflected by deformation mirror 5B is irradiated on a wafer 13 through lower lens system 12B. In this example, since the field near the optical-axis AX of illumination-light IL1B for exposure is shaded by deformation mirror 5B arranged at the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12, the same high resolution as the case where the pupil filter of a main zona-orbicularis-like protection-from-light mold is installed to a predetermined pattern is obtained. Moreover, since the \*\* material of lower lens system 12B is illuminated by two waves of illumination-light IL1B and IL2Bs by uniform illumination distribution, high order heat deformation and change of a refractive index are suppressed, and high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics 12 is suppressed.

[0037] In addition, as supplemented in the 1st example of the gestalt of operation of this invention, photosensitive illumination-light IL1B is reflected in a photoresist in the reflector of deformation mirror 5B, and you may make it a configuration which makes a photoresist penetrate nonphotosensitivity illumination-light IL2B in the other part. What is necessary is to prepare circular opening as a deformation mirror, so that illumination-light IL2B may penetrate in the center section, and just to use the deformation mirror which has a zona-orbicularis-like reflector to illumination-light IL1B which carries out incidence from the direction which intersects perpendicularly around the opening to illumination-light IL2B, while replacing light source section 1B, 2B, a reticle 10, up lens system 12A, and related arrangement of optical system in drawing 6 when making it such a configuration. [0038] Next, the modification of the 2nd example of the gestalt of operation of this invention is explained with reference to <u>drawing 7</u>. The configuration to the projection optics of the projection aligner of this modification is the same as that of the modification of the 1st example of drawing 4 almost (however, the aperture diaphragm 37 is excluded), gives the same sign to the part corresponding to drawing 4 and drawing 6 in drawing 7, and omits the detail explanation. Drawing 7 showed the outline configuration of the projection aligner of this example, and arranges the aperture diaphragm 43 which has the same wavelength selection nature as the aperture diaphragm 37 of drawing 5 (a) near the pupil surface PS between up lens system 12A of projection optics 12, and lower lens system 12B in this drawing 7. Illumination-light IL1A of the photosensitive wavelength lambda 1 is compounded by the polarization beam splitter 31, it penetrates a reticle 10 to the photoresist injected by the photoresist injected from light source section 2A from illumination-light IL2A of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength lambda 2, and light source section 1A, and the Fourier transform is optically carried out to it by up lens system 12A of projection optics 12, and it carries out incidence to it at an aperture diaphragm 43. The light filter of the shape of zona orbicularis which penetrates only photosensitive illuminationlight IL1A, and the circular light filter which penetrates only nonphotosensitivity illumination-light IL2A to a photoresist by the inside are formed in the photoresist like <u>drawing 5</u> (a), and an aperture diaphragm 43 acts on an aperture diaphragm 43 as a pupil filter of a main protection-from-light mold to illumination-light IL1A. After another illumination-light IL2A passes through the circular field where illumination-light IL1A was shaded, incidence of it is carried out on a wafer 13 through lower lens system 12B.

[0039] In this modification, high resolution is obtained like the example of drawing 6 by the aperture diaphragm 43 arranged at the pupil surface PS of projection optics 12. Moreover, since the \*\* material of lower lens system 12B is illuminated by two illumination-light IL1A and IL2A by uniform illumination distribution, high order spherical-aberration fluctuation is suppressed. In addition, as a light filter which penetrates illumination-light IL1A from light source section 1A, the light filter which does not penetrate illumination-light IL2A from light source section 2A as much as possible has the greatly desirable effectiveness of reducing high order aberration. In addition, like the example of drawing 4, it may replace with a polarization beam splitter 31, and a dichroic mirror may be used. [0040] Next, in the gestalt of above-mentioned operation, the illumination distribution over the lens of projection optics 12 is equalized, and it explains that high order aberration fluctuation is suppressed based on the example of count. First, the temperature distribution after the rise by the exposure of the illumination light are calculated. When a lens is approximated to a cylindrical shape, and heat does not flow out of the side face of a lens through surrounding air but the edge of a lens touches a metal, only from the edge, it flows out and the absorbed energy density distribution in a lens sets heat constant to the surrounding include angle of an optical axis AX. The temperature distribution after r, then a rise are set to function [ of Variable r ] T (r) in the variable showing a radial distance of the lens, and when the absorbed duty and thermal conductivity per unit volume of a lens are set to omega (r) and lambda, respectively and the circumradius of a lens is set to a, the heat conduction equation in the cylindrical coordinate system in a thermal equilibrium state can be expressed like a degree type. [0041]

[Equation 1] \*\* -- 2 T/\*\*r2+(1/r) \*\*T/\*\* r+omega (r) / lambda= 0 -- if this heat conduction equation is solved, it will become like a degree type.

[0042]

[Equation 2]

$$T(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} B_{i} J_{0}(p_{i} \cdot r)$$

[0043] Here, Jn (pi and r) is the n-th 1st sort bessel (Bessel) function (n= 0, 1 and 2, --), and is pi. It is the sequence of numbers with which J1(pi and a) =0 is filled (i= 1, 2 and 3, --). Moreover, multiplier Bi It asks by the degree type.

[0044]

[Equation 3]

$$B_{i} = 2 \int_{0}^{\omega} (r) \ Jo \ (p_{i} \cdot r) \ r \, dr / \{ \lambda p_{i}^{2} a^{2} [J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot a)]^{2} \}$$

[0045] It sets at the section when Variable r fills hj <=r<=hj +1 in certain j (1 <=j<=N) when an absorbed duty omega (r) is especially expressed with a stair-like function within the radius (exposure radius) of an exposure field, and an absorbed duty omega (r) is constant value omega j. The following relation is materialized when taking.

[0046]

[Equation 4]

$$\int_{0}^{a} \omega (r) \int_{0}^{a} (p_{i} \cdot r) r dr = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \int_{0}^{a} \omega_{j} \cdot \int_{0}^{a} (p_{i} \cdot r) r dr$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N} \omega_{j} \{h_{j+1} \cdot J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot h_{j+1}) - h_{j} \cdot J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot h_{j}) \} / p_{i}$$

[0047] Therefore, it is a multiplier Bi by substituting (several 4) for (several 3). It asks and is this multiplier Bi. By substituting for (several 2), temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) is called for. Next, if the BEKI expansion into series of the temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) is carried out to the term of r10 with the least square method as follows in order for temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) to investigate of which degree aberration fluctuation appears mostly, it will become like a degree type.

[0048]

[Equation 5] T(r) =T0+C2, r2+C4, r4+C6, r6+C8 and r8+C10, and r10 -- the unit of \*\* and Variable r of the unit of temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) is mm in this case. Moreover, T0 An optical axis AX r, i.e., a variable, is temperature-distribution [ after the rise in the location of 0 ] T (0). [0049] Hereafter, the example of count based on an actual numeric value is explained. The value (coherence factor) of the ratio of the numerical aperture by the side of the outgoing radiation of the illumination-light study system to the numerical aperture by the side of the incidence of projection optics (NA) is made into a sigma value, and this sigma value is set as 0.75. And the lens which a sigma value becomes from the quartz of the cylindrical shape of 40mm of circumradii according to the illumination system of 0.75 is illuminated, and it calculates based on the solution of the heat conduction equation of - (several 2) (several 4) about a case so that the radius d of the exposure field on a lens may be 30mm. The heat conductivity of a quartz is made into 0.0138W/(cmand\*\*), and the rate of heat absorption of the lens to the photosensitive illumination light is made the photoresist on a wafer in 2%/cm.

[0050] In the 1st example of count, a sigma value calculates [ the total amount of exposure energy of the illumination light / a lens ] about the case where it irradiates uniformly, within the limits of 0.75 by 1W first for a comparison. Drawing 8 (a) shows temperature-distribution [ after the rise by the 1st example of count ] T (r), an axis of abscissa expresses Variable r and an axis of ordinate expresses temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r). As shown in curvilinear 46A of a continuous line, temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) has maximum at Zero AX, i.e., an optical axis, and shows a crest type change symmetrical with a shaft to it about an optical axis AX. In addition, dotted-line 47A shows exposure energy density [ of the illumination light ] P (r) as reference. Exposure energy density P (r) becomes the value P1 with r fixed among Variables0-d (exposure radius). Moreover, the coefficient C 2 when developing the temperature distribution T0 in an optical axis AX and temperature-distribution T (r) to BEKI series by (several 5) - C10 are shown in Table 1.

[Table 1]

光軸における上昇後 の温度分布T。	1.8182×10 <sup>-1</sup>
係数 C2 C4 C5 C8	$-1. 3450 \times 10^{-4}$ $4. 4000 \times 10^{-8}$ $-9. 9006 \times 10^{-11}$ $8. 2983 \times 10^{-14}$ $-2. 0745 \times 10^{-17}$

[0052] Next, the 2nd example of count is explained. This example of count is an example when only zona-orbicularis lighting is performed, and is an example of count for a comparison as well as the 1st example of count. A sigma value is 0.75 at the maximum, and the sigma value inside the zona orbicularis is 0.5. A lens is uniformly illuminated for the sigma value between 0.5-0.75, and temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) is calculated about the case where the total amount of exposure energy is 1W.

[0053] <u>Drawing 4</u> (b) shows temperature-distribution [ after the rise by the 2nd example of count ] T (r), and in this <u>drawing 4</u> (b), as shown in curvilinear 46B of a continuous line, as for temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r), Variable r serves as the fixed rise temperature TB between about 0 - e. Variable r serves as the fixed value P2 between e-d, and, as for exposure energy density P (r) shown by dotted-line 47B, r has become 0 among Variables0-e. The coefficient C 2 when developing the temperature distribution T0 after a rise with an optical axis AX and temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) to BEKI series by (several 5) - C10 are shown in Table 2 like the 1st example of count. [0054]

[Table 2]

C <sub>8</sub> 4. 5319×10 <sup>-1</sup>		· ·
C <sub>2</sub> -3. 4321×10 <sup>-5</sup> C <sub>4</sub> 2. 7328×10 <sup>-7</sup> C <sub>6</sub> -6. 3961×10 <sup>-11</sup> C <sub>6</sub> 4. 5319×10 <sup>-11</sup>		1. 0744×10 <sup>-1</sup>
$C_{10} \mid -1.0513 \times 10^{-1}$	C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>6</sub>	

[0055] Next, the 3rd example of count is explained. This example of count asks the photoresist on a wafer 13 for temperature-distribution [ after a rise in case the lens is illuminated by two illumination light of the nonphotosensitivity illumination light ] T (r) at the photosensitive illumination light and its photoresist like the gestalt of operation shown in drawing 1, drawing 4, drawing 6, and drawing 7. In this case, within the limits of 0.75 to 0.5, a lens shall be uniformly illuminated for the total amount of exposure energy by the photoresist by 1W by the illumination light of photosensitivity [ sigma value ], and the lens shall be illuminated so that a sigma value may become [ a sigma value / exposure energy density P (r) ] a photoresist from 0.5 by the illumination light of nonphotosensitivity wavelength within the limits of 0.0 one half of the exposure energy density in the range of 0.75 to 0.5. [0056] Drawing 4 (c) shows temperature-distribution [ after the rise by the 3rd example of count ] T (r), and as this drawing 4 (c) is shown in curvilinear 46C of a continuous line, temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r) has Maximum TC at Zero AX, i.e., an optical axis, and it shows a crest type change symmetrical with a shaft about an optical axis AX. Moreover, Variable r serves as the fixed value P2 between e-d, and exposure energy density P (r) has become the value P3 (=P2/2) with r fixed among Variables0-e, as shown in dotted-line 47C which changes stair-like. Moreover, the coefficient C 2 when developing the temperature distribution T0 in an optical axis AX and temperature-distribution T (r) to BEKI series by (several 5) - C10 are shown in Table 3. [0057]

[Table 3]

光軸における上昇後 の温度分布下。	2. 1736×10 <sup>-1</sup>
係数 C2 C4 C6 C8	$\begin{array}{c} -1. & 3821 \times 10^{-4} \\ 1. & 7624 \times 10^{-7} \\ -4. & 0891 \times 10^{-10} \\ 3. & 0128 \times 10^{-13} \\ -7. & 1235 \times 10^{-17} \end{array}$

[0058] In addition, in the 1st and 2nd examples of count, the total amount of exposure energy is set to 1W, it sets for the 3rd example of count, and the sigma value is setting the amount of exposure energy of 0.75 to 0.5 within the limits to 1W. In this 3rd example of count, if a sigma value applies the amount of exposure energy in the range of 0.5-0.0, the total amount of exposure energy will exceed 1W. This makes equal the amount of exposure energy of the photosensitive illumination light at the photoresist on the 1st - the wafer 13 in the 3rd example of count, and it sets it up so that the exposure time (throughput) may become equal.

[0059] When the lighting gestalt (uniform lighting) shown in the 1st example of count is compared with the lighting gestalt (zona-orbicularis lighting) shown in the 2nd example of count, as shown in Table 1 and 2, as compared with uniform lighting, rise temperature [ in / in the direction of zona-orbicularis lighting / an optical axis AX ] is low. Nevertheless, coefficient C 4 of BEKI series When it compares, it is the coefficient C 4 in uniform lighting. A value is the coefficient C 4 in zona-orbicularis lighting to 4.4000x10-8. 2.7328x10-7 and the direction of zona-orbicularis lighting are large. That is, when uniform lighting is compared with zona-orbicularis lighting, it is a coefficient C 2. As for all the absolute values of the multiplier of the BEKI series of an except, the direction of zona-orbicularis lighting is large. Since heat deformation and refractive-index change are proportional to temperature-distribution [ after a rise ] T (r), it is proportional to temperature-distribution [ after aberration fluctuation also going up ] T (r). Coefficient C 2 That the zona-orbicularis lighting is larger means that the aberration fluctuation with the higher order zona-orbicularis lighting is large in all the multipliers of high order BEKI series. [0060] If the lighting gestalt in the gestalt of operation shown in <u>drawing 1</u>, <u>drawing 4</u>, <u>drawing 6</u>, and <u>drawing 7</u> is considered as "synthetic lighting" here Although there are more total exposures than uniform lighting or zona-orbicularis lighting as shown in the 3rd example of count when the illumination light is irradiated also near the optical axis with synthetic lighting As shown in Table 1 and 2, it is a coefficient C 4. A value (= 1.7624x10-7) is the coefficient C 4 in zona-orbicularis lighting. It is smaller than a value (= 2.7328x10-7). Furthermore, if a coefficient C 6 and the absolute value of C8 and C10 are compared, also in which multiplier, the direction of synthetic lighting is smaller than zonaorbicularis lighting. This means that high order aberration fluctuation becomes small with synthetic lighting.

[0061] Moreover, although it set for the 3rd example of count and the sigma value set sigma value's exposure energy density between 0-0.5 to one half of the density distribution between 0.5-0.75, it calculates about temperature-distribution [ when the sigma value is altogether irradiated by uniform exposure energy distribution in the range of 0-0.75 ] T (r), and compares with the case of the zona-orbicularis lighting of drawing 4 (b).

[0062] Between the energy density P1 of drawing 8 (a), and the exposure energy density P2 of drawing 8 (b), the relation between P2=1.8 and P1 is materialized. Therefore, in zona-orbicularis lighting like drawing 8 (b), when a sigma value also irradiates less than 0.5 range with exposure energy density equal to a zona-orbicularis lighting field, in drawing 8 (a), it is equivalent to the condition of having doubled exposure energy density 1.8. Therefore, the coefficient C 4 in Table 1 since all the multipliers of BEKI series are also doubled 1.8, and C6, C8 and C10 are 7.9200x10-8, -1.7821x10-10, 1.4937x10-13, and -3.7341x10-17, respectively. It becomes. When the value of these multipliers is compared with each multiplier of Table 2, they are the temperature distribution T0 after the rise near the optical-axis AX. In

spite of being quite larger than the case where it is zona-orbicularis lighting, the multiplier to a coefficient C 4 - C10 is small altogether from the case of zona-orbicularis lighting. That is, even when a sigma value irradiates within the limits of 0-0.75 with synthetic lighting with the same exposure energy density P2 as zona-orbicularis lighting, aberration fluctuation higher order than the case of zona-orbicularis lighting means few things.

[0063] In addition, although the gestalt of above-mentioned operation applies this invention to the projection aligner of a stepper mold, this invention is applicable also to the projection aligner of a scan exposure mold like step - and - scanning method. In addition, of course, configurations various in the range which this invention is not limited to the gestalt of above-mentioned operation, and does not deviate from the summary of this invention can be taken.

[Effect of the Invention] In order to use the illumination light for the exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of projection optics, and the field [\*\*\*\*] according to the 1st projection aligner of this invention, the effectiveness of the same improvement in resolution as the case where zona-orbicularis lighting or deformation lighting is performed is acquired. Moreover, since the nonphotosensitivity illumination light is irradiated, high order heat deformation and refractive-index change of the lens of projection optics decrease, and the advantage on which high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics is suppressed is in the field through which the illumination light for exposure does not pass when performing zona-orbicularis lighting and deformation lighting.

[0065] Moreover, when an illumination-light study system illuminates a mask by the illumination light for the exposure from the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis, high resolution is obtained by the so-called zona-orbicularis lighting and deformation lighting. Moreover, an illumination-light study system has an optical integrator for equalizing the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for exposure, in preparing the fill-in flash induction material which leads the illumination light from an auxiliary illumination system to a mask between an optical integrator and a mask, where the illumination light for exposure and the nonphotosensitivity illumination light are correctly separated on a pupil surface and a field [\*\*\*\*], a mask can be illuminated, and there is an advantage to which an image formation property does not deteriorate.

[0066] Moreover, in order to use the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of projection optics by the optical member which has wavelength selection nature according to the 2nd projection aligner of this invention, there is an advantage from which the same resolution as the case where the pupil filter of a main zona-orbicularis-like protection-from-light mold is installed is obtained. Furthermore, the lens near the pupil surface of projection optics has the advantage to which the high order fluctuation component of heat deformation of a lens or a refractive index decreases since it irradiates by uniform illumination distribution by two illumination light of the illumination light for exposure, and the illumination light of nonphotosensitivity [ substrate / sensitization ], and high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics decreases.

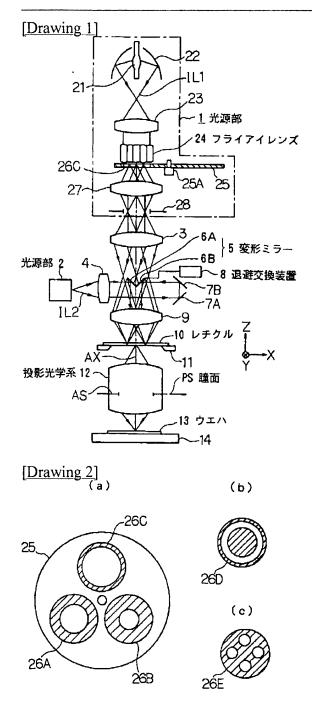
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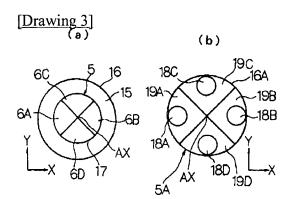
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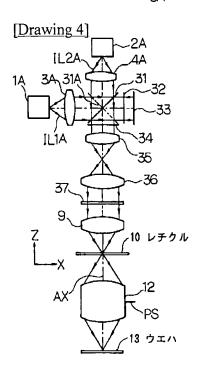
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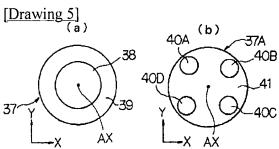
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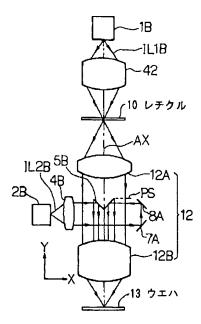


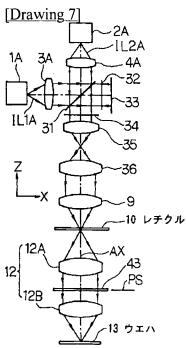




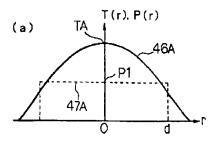


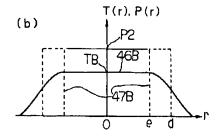
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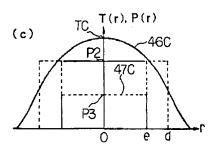




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[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1]

Projection optics which projects the image of the pattern on a mask on a sensitization substrate under the illumination light for exposure,

In the projection aligner which has the illumination-light study system which illuminates said mask using the illumination light for said exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from an optical axis on the pupil surface of said projection optics, and a field [\*\*\*\*],

The projection aligner characterized by establishing the auxiliary illumination system which irradiates the illumination light of a nonphotosensitivity wavelength region to the field through which the illumination light for said exposure does not pass on the pupil surface of said projection optics to said sensitization substrate.

[Claim 2]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 1,

Said illumination-light study system is a projection aligner characterized by illuminating said mask by the illumination light for said exposure from the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis.

[Claim 3]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 1 or 2,

Said illumination-light study system has an optical integrator for equalizing the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for said exposure,

The projection aligner characterized by preparing the fill-in flash induction material which leads the illumination light from said auxiliary illumination system to said mask between this optical integrator and said mask.

[Claim 4]

It is the projection aligner of claim 1-3 given in any 1 term,

The projection aligner characterized by preparing the fill-in flash induction material which draws the illumination light from said auxiliary illumination system between said masks and said images.

[Claim 5]

It is the projection aligner of claim 1-4 given in any 1 term,

Said projection optics is a projection aligner characterized by having a lens.

[Claim 6]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 5,

The illumination light from said auxiliary illumination system is a projection aligner characterized by setting up reinforcement according to the \*\* material of said lens, or the amount of light absorption in the coating film prepared in said lens.

[Claim 7]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 5 or 6,

Said lens is a projection aligner characterized by being formed with a quartz.

[Claim 8]

It is the projection aligner of claim 5-7 given in any 1 term,

Said auxiliary illumination system is a projection aligner characterized by irradiating the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region so that illumination distribution may become uniform to the lens near said pupil surface of said projection optics.

[Claim 9]

It is the projection aligner of claim 1-8 given in any 1 term,

Said illumination-light study system is a projection aligner characterized by changing distribution of said light source on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and a field [ \*\*\*\* ].

[Claim 10]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 9,

Said illumination-light study system is a projection aligner characterized by switching the condition of distributing said light source over said field which carried out eccentricity from said optical axis on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and said field [ \*\*\*\* ], and the condition of distributing said light source over the circular field centering on said optical axis on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and said field [ \*\*\*\* ].

[Claim 11]

It is a projection aligner according to claim 9 or 10,

The projection aligner characterized by changing the field which irradiates the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region by said auxiliary illumination system according to modification

of distribution of said light source.

[Claim 12]

In the projection aligner using the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of said projection optics in case the image of the pattern on a mask is projected on a sensitization substrate through projection optics under the illumination light for exposure,

The synthetic illumination-light study system which leads the nonphotosensitivity illumination light to the pupil surface of said projection optics to the illumination light and said sensitization substrate for said exposure,

The projection aligner characterized by having the optical member which has the wavelength selection nature which passes only the nonphotosensitivity illumination light to said sensitization substrate side to said sensitization substrate in fields other than the field which it has been arranged on the pupil surface of said projection optics, and carried out eccentricity from said optical axis.

[Claim 13]

In the projection exposure approach which projects the image of the pattern on a mask on a sensitization substrate under the illumination light for exposure,

The 1st process which forms the light source in the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics which forms the image of said pattern, and the field [ \*\*\*\* ];

The 2nd process which illuminates said mask using the illumination light for said exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from said optical axis;

The 3rd process which irradiates the illumination light of a nonphotosensitivity wavelength region to said sensitization substrate to the field through which the illumination light for said exposure does not pass on said pupil surface of said projection optics;

The projection exposure approach characterized by preparation \*\*\*\*\*\*.

[Claim 14]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 13,

The projection exposure approach characterized by forming the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to said optical axis at said 1st process.

[Claim 15]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 13 or 14,

It has further the 4th process which equalizes the illumination distribution of the illumination light for said exposure using an optical integrator,

The projection exposure approach characterized by irradiating the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region from between said optical integrators and said masks at said 3rd process.

[Claim 16]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 13 or 14,

The projection exposure approach characterized by irradiating the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region from between said masks and said images at said 3rd process. [Claim 17]

It is the projection exposure approach of claim 13-16 given in any 1 term,

Said projection optics is the projection exposure approach characterized by having the lens. [Claim 18]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 17,

The projection exposure approach characterized by irradiating the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region so that illumination distribution may become uniform to the lens near said pupil surface of said projection optics at said 3rd process.

[Claim 19]

It is the projection exposure approach of claim 13-18 given in any 1 term,

The projection exposure approach characterized by changing distribution of said light source on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and a field [ \*\*\*\* ] at said 1st process. [Claim 20]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 19,

The projection exposure approach characterized by switching the condition of forming said light source in said field which carried out eccentricity from said optical axis on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and said field [ \*\*\*\* ] at said 1st process, and the condition of forming said light source in the circular field centering on said optical axis on said pupil surface of said projection optics, and said field [ \*\*\*\* ].

[Claim 21]

It is the projection exposure approach according to claim 19 or 20,

The projection exposure approach characterized by having further the process which changes the field which irradiates the illumination light of said nonphotosensitivity wavelength region by said auxiliary illumination system according to modification of distribution of said light source.

[Procedure amendment 3]

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[0007]

In case this invention is exposed in view of this point using the pupil filter which shades near an optical axis, using zona-orbicularis lighting, deformation lighting, etc., it aims at offering the projection exposure approach and equipment with which high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics is suppressed, and high resolution is obtained.

[Procedure amendment 4]

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[Method of Amendment] Modification

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[0010]

In this case, as for that illumination-light study system, it is desirable to illuminate that mask (10) by the illumination light for that exposure from the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis (IL1). This means the illumination by the so-called zona-orbicularis lighting and deformation lighting, and, thereby, high resolution is obtained.

Moreover, as for that illumination-light study system, it is desirable to have an optical integrator (24) for equalizing the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for that exposure (IL1), and to prepare the fill-in flash induction material (4, 6A-6D, 7A, 7B) which leads the illumination light (IL2) from that auxiliary illumination system (2) to that mask (10) between this optical integrator and its mask (10). Thereby, the illumination light (IL1) and illumination light (IL2) for exposure are easily compoundable. Moreover, the fill-in flash induction material (4B, 5B) which draws the illumination light from the auxiliary illumination system between the mask and its image may be prepared.

Moreover, the projection optics is equipped with the lens as an example.

Moreover, reinforcement may be set up according to the amount of light absorption in the coating film by which the illumination light from the auxiliary illumination system was prepared in the \*\* material of the lens, or its lens.

Moreover, the lens is formed with a quartz as an example.

Moreover, the auxiliary illumination system may irradiate the illumination light of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength region so that illumination distribution may become uniform to the lens near the pupil surface of the projection optics.

Moreover, the illumination-light study system may change distribution of the light source on the pupil

surface of the projection optics, and a field [ \*\*\*\* ].

Moreover, you may make it the illumination-light study system switch the condition of distributing the light source over the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics, and its field [\*\*\*\*], and the condition of distributing the light source over the circular field centering on the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics, and its field [\*\*\*\*]. In this case, according to modification of distribution of that light source, the field which irradiates the illumination light of that nonphotosensitivity wavelength region by that auxiliary illumination system may be changed.

[Procedure amendment 5]
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[0012]

In order to use the image formation flux of light which passes through the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis (AX) on the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) according to the 2nd projection aligner of this this invention, it becomes using the pupil filter of a main protection-from-light mold substantially, and equivalence, and high resolution is obtained. In this case, by the optical member (5B), the illumination light for exposure (IL1B) passes only through fields, such as the shape of zona orbicularis, and the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) passes through fields other than the field which carried out eccentricity from that optical axis to a sensitization substrate (13). Therefore, since the lens near the pupil surface (PS) of projection optics (12) is irradiated by two illumination light (IL1B, IL2B) by uniform illumination distribution, the high order fluctuation component in heat deformation of a lens or change of a refractive index decreases, and high order spherical-aberration fluctuation also decreases. And the nonphotosensitivity illumination light (IL2B) does not affect the projection image on a sensitization substrate (13).

Next, the projection exposure approach by this invention is set under the illumination light for exposure to the projection exposure approach which projects the image of the pattern on a mask on a sensitization substrate. As opposed to the sensitization substrate the 1st process which forms the light source in the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics which forms the image of the pattern, and the field [ \*\*\*\* ], and; -- the 2nd process which illuminates the mask using the illumination light for the exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis, and; -- It has the 3rd process which irradiates the field to which the illumination light for the exposure does not pass the illumination light of a nonphotosensitivity wavelength region on the pupil surface of the projection optics.

In this invention, the zona-orbicularis-like light source or two or more light sources in the location which carried out eccentricity to the optical axis may be formed at the 1st process.

Moreover, it may have further the 4th process which equalizes the illuminance distribution of the illumination light for the exposure using an optical integrator, and the illumination light of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength region may be irradiated from between the optical integrator and its mask at the 3rd process.

Moreover, at the 3rd process, the illumination light of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength region may be irradiated from between the mask and its image.

Moreover, the projection optics is equipped with the lens as an example.

Moreover, at the 3rd process, the illumination light of the nonphotosensitivity wavelength region may be irradiated so that illumination distribution may become uniform to the lens near the pupil surface of the projection optics.

Moreover, at the 1st process, distribution of the light source on the pupil surface of the projection optics and a field [ \*\*\*\* ] may be changed.

Moreover, you may make it switch the condition of forming the light source in the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics, and its field [ \*\*\*\* ],

and the condition of forming the light source in the circular field centering on the optical axis on the pupil surface of the projection optics, and its field [\*\*\*\*], at the 1st process. In this case, according to modification of distribution of that light source, you may have further the process which changes the field which irradiates the illumination light of that nonphotosensitivity wavelength region by that auxiliary illumination system.

[Procedure amendment 6]

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[0064]

[Effect of the Invention]

In order to use the illumination light for the exposure from the light source distributed over the field which carried out eccentricity from the optical axis on the pupil surface of projection optics, and the field [\*\*\*\*] according to the 1st projection aligner and projection exposure approach of this invention, the effectiveness of the same improvement in resolution as the case where zona-orbicularis lighting or deformation lighting is performed is acquired. Moreover, since the nonphotosensitivity illumination light is irradiated, high order heat deformation and refractive-index change of the lens of projection optics decrease, and the advantage on which high order spherical-aberration fluctuation of projection optics is suppressed is in the field through which the illumination light for exposure does not pass when performing zona-orbicularis lighting and deformation lighting.

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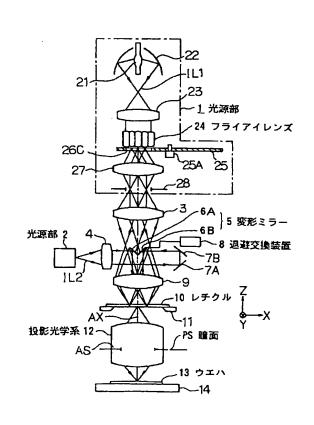
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#### (54) 【発明の名称】 投影露光装置

# (57) 【要約】

【課題】 輪帯照明や変形照明を行った場合の高次の球面収差変動を抑える。

【解決手段】 露光用の光源部1とは別にウエハ13上のフォトレジストを感光しない波長の照明光 I L 2を射出する光源部2を設ける。光源部1とレチクル10との間の照明光 I L 1の光路上に、レチクル10側に傾斜した反射面を有するミラー6A,6Bからなる変形ミラー5を設ける。光源部1からの露光用の照明光 I L 1は、変形ミラー5の周囲の輪帯状の領域を通過し、非露光用の照明光 I L 2は変形ミラー5の反射面で反射してレチクル10及び投影光学系12に向かう。その2つの照明光 I L 1,1 L 2により投影光学系12の瞳面付近のレンズを均一な照度分布で照明する。



#### 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 露光用の照明光のもとでマスク上のパターンの像を感光基板上に投影する投影光学系と、

前記投影光学系の瞳面と共役な面上で光軸から偏心した 領域に分布する光源からの前記露光用の照明光を用いて 前記マスクを照明する照明光学系と、を有する投影露光 装置において、

前記感光基板に対して非感光性の波長域の照明光を前記 投影光学系の瞳面上で前記露光用の照明光が通過しない 領域に照射する補助照明系を設けたことを特徴とする投 影露光装置。

【請求項2】 請求項1 記載の投影露光装置であって、前記照明光学系は、輪帯状の光源、又は光軸に対して偏心した位置にある複数の光源からの前記露光用の照明光で前記マスクを照明することを特徴とする投影露光装置。

【請求項3】 請求項1、又は2記載の投影露光装置であって、

前記照明光学系は、前記露光用の照明光の照度分布を均一化するためのオプティカル・インテグレータを有し、 該オプティカル・インテグレータと前記マスクとの間 に、前記補助照明系からの照明光を前記マスクに導く補助光導入部材を設けたことを特徴とする投影露光装置。

【請求項4】 露光用の照明光のもとでマスク上のパターンの像を投影光学系を介して感光基板上に投影する際に、前記投影光学系の瞳面上で光軸から偏心した領域を通過する結像光束を用いる投影露光装置において、

前記露光用の照明光及び前記感光基板に対して非感光性の照明光を前記投影光学系の瞳面に導く合成照明光学系 と、

前記投影光学系の瞳面上に配置され、前記光軸から偏心 した領域以外の領域では前記感光基板に対して非感光性 の照明光のみを前記感光基板側に通過させる波長選択性 を有する光学部材と、を有することを特徴とする投影露 光装置。

#### 【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、例えば半導体素子、液晶表示素子、撮像素子(CCD等)、又は薄膜磁気へッド等を製造するためのフォトリソグラフィ工程でマスク上のパターンの像を感光基板上に露光するために使用される投影露光装置に関し、特に輪帯照明等を行うか、又は中心遮光型の瞳フィルターを使用する投影露光装置に適用して好適なものである。

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来、例えば半導体素子を製造する際に、マスクとしてのレチクル(又はフォトマスク等)のパターンの像を投影光学系を介して、感光基板としてのフォトレジストが塗布されたウエハ(又はガラスプレート等)上に転写するステッパー等の投影露光装置が使用

されている。これらの投影露光装置では、ウエハにできるだけ高集積度のパターンを露光するため、露光光としてできるだけ短波長の照明光を使用すると共に、投影光学系の開口数(NA)を大きくして、転写されるパターンの解像度を上げるという努力がなされてきた。

【0003】但し、単に投影光学系の開口数を大きくすると、焦点深度が狭くなりすぎるため、開口数にあまり依存することなく、或る程度以上の焦点深度を確保して、且つ高い解像度を得る方法として、露光光をレチクルに対して傾斜させて照明するという照明法が開発されている。この照明法には、照明光学系の2次光源の形状を輪帯状とする輪帯照明及びその2次光源の形状を光軸から偏心した複数(例えば4個)の小光源とする所謂をいいる。このような照明法によれば、同じ露光波長、及び同じ投影光学系の開口数でも、投影光学系の解像度が向上する。また、投影光学系の瞳面に輪帯状等の瞳フィルターを配置して、所謂「超解像」により解像度を向上させる方法も開発されている。

[0004]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】以上の従来技術におい て、輪帯照明等を使用せず、レチクルをレチクルに対し て垂直に入射する光束を中心として一様に分布する露光 光で照明する照明方法によれば、主にレチクルのパター ンを通過した0次回折光、+1次回折光、及び--1次回 折光の3光束によってウエハ上にそのパターンの像を形 成するために、投影光学系の瞳面付近のレンズは中心部 も周辺部もほぼ一様に照明される。また、通常の照明法 のもとで投影光学系の瞳面に中心部を遮蔽する輪帯状の 瞳フィルターを配置しない場合も、投影光学系の瞳面の 近くのレンズは一様に照明される。このような照明状態 であれば、レンズの中心部が主に温度上昇するために、 位置に関して2次以下の関数となる熱変形や屈折率変化 が主に起こり、ガウス (Gauss) 像面の移動だけが光軸付 近の主な収差変動として生じる。従って、投影光学系の 高次の球面収差変動が発生する恐れは少なかった。

【0005】しかし、輪帯照明や変形照明法により照明を行った場合には、レチクルのパターンを通過した露光用の照明光の内の主に0次回折光及び1次回折光によってウエハ上にそのパターンの像を形成するため、投影光学系の解像度の限界線幅に近いパターンが多い場合には、投影光学系の光軸付近を透過する光線の量が周辺部に比べて極めて少なくなる。また、投影光学系の瞳面に光軸付近を遮光した瞳フィルターを配置した場合でも、瞳面よりもウエハに近い側に配置されているレンズの光軸付近を透過する光線の量は周辺部に比べて極めて少なくなる。

【0006】このように投影光学系のレンズに対する照射エネルギーの分布が不均一になると、レンズの周辺部が主に熱を吸収して温度上昇し、中心部が温度上昇しないという現象が起こる。このような温度上昇に比例し

て、部分的にレンズの屈折率が変動したり、レンズが熱変形したりするので、2次よりも高次の非球面やそれに相当する屈折率分布が新たに形成される。そのため、投影光学系の光軸に近い部分では、露光光の照射によりガウス像面の移動だけでなく、新たに高次の球面収差変動が生じるという不都合があった。

【0007】本発明は斯かる点に鑑み、輪帯照明や変形 照明等を用いるか、又は光軸付近を遮光する瞳フィルタ ーを使用して露光を行う際に、投影光学系の高次の球面 収差変動を抑えて高い解像度が得られる投影露光装置を 提供することを目的とする。

#### [0008]

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明による第1の投影露光装置は、例えば図1に示すように、露光用の照明光(IL1)のもとでマスク(10)上のパターンの像を感光基板(13)上に投影する投影光学系(12)と、その投影光学系の瞳面、即ちマスク(10)のパターン面に対する光学的フーリエ変換面(PS)と共役な面上で光軸(AX)から偏心した領域に分布する光源(2次光源を含む)からのその露光用の照明光(IL1)を用いてそのマスク(10)を照明する照明光学系(1,3,9)と、を有する投影露光装置において、その感光基板(13)に対して非感光性の波長域の照明光(IL

2)をその投影光学系(12)の瞳面(PS)上でその露光用の照明光(IL1)が通過しない領域に照射する補助照明系(2)を設けたものである。 【0009】斯かる本発明の第1の投影露光装置によれば、投影光学系(12)の瞳面(PS)と共役な面上で光軸(AX)から偏心した領域に分布する光源からの露光用の照明光(IL1)を用いるとは、輪帯照明法や変形照明法を用いることを意味する。この際に、投影光学系(12)の時面に使のレンズはまに光軸から便心した

系(12)の瞳面近傍のレンズは主に光軸から偏心した 領域が露光用の照明光(IL1)により照明され、例え ば所定の周期的パターンに対して高解像度が得られる。 また、補助照明系により投影光学系 (12) の瞳面 (P S)上で露光用の照明光(ILI)が通過しない領域、 即ち光軸近傍の領域も感光基板に対して非感光性の照明 光(IL2)で照明されるため、投影光学系(12)の 瞳面(PS)に近いレンズに対する照度分布が均一にな り、レンズの熱変形や屈折率の変化における高次の変動 成分が減少する。このためには、非感光性の照明光(1 L2)は、露光用の照明光(ILI)と同程度の吸収率 で投影光学系(12)のレンズ、又はこのレンズのコー ティング膜で吸収される必要がある。レンズの球面収差 変動は、レンズの熱変形や屈折率の変化に比例するた め、投影光学系(12)の高次の球面収差変動が抑えら れる。但し、補助照明系(2)からの照明光(1L2)

【0010】この場合、その照明光学系は、輪帯状の光

る像には影響がない。

は非感光性であるため、感光基板(13)上に転写され

源、又は光軸に対して偏心した位置にある複数の光源からのその露光用の照明光(IL1)でそのマスク(10)を照明することが好ましい。これは、所謂輪帯照明や変形照明による照明法を意味し、これにより高い解像度が得られる。また、その照明光学系は、その露光用の照明光(IL1)の照度分布を均一化するためのオプティカル・インテグレータとそのマスク(10)との間に、その補助照明系(2)からの照明光(IL2)をそのマスク(10)に導く補助光導入部材(4、6A~6D、7A、7B)を設けることが好ましい。これにより、露光用の照明光(IL1)と照明光(IL2)とを容易に合成できる。

【0011】また、本発明による第2の投影露光装置は、例えば図6に示すように、露光用の照明光(IL1B)のもとでマスク(10)上のパターンの像を投影光学系(12)を介して感光基板(13)上に投影する際に、その投影光学系(12)の瞳面(PS)上で光軸(AX)から偏心した領域を通過する結像光束を用いる投影露光装置において、その露光用の照明光(IL1B)及びその感光基板(13)に対して非感光性の照明光(IL2B)をその投影光学系の瞳面(PS)に導く合成照明光学系(1B,42,2B,4B,7A,8A)と、その投影光学系(12)のその瞳面(PS)上に配置され、その光軸から偏心した領域以外の領域ではその感光基板(13)に対して非感光性の照明光(IL2B)のみをその感光基板側に通過させる波長選択性を有する光学部材(5B)と、を有するものである。

【0012】斯かる本発明の第2の投影露光装置によれば、投影光学系(12)の瞳面(PS)上で光軸(AX)から偏心した領域を通過する結像光束を用いるため、実質的に中心遮光型の瞳フィルターを用いるのと等価となって高い解像度が得られる。この場合、光学部材(5B)により、露光用の照明光(IL1B)は、輪帯状等の領域のみを通過し、感光基板(13)に対して非感光性の照明光(IL2B)は、その光軸から偏心した領域以外の領域を通過する。従って、投影光学系(12)の瞳面(PS)近傍のレンズは、2つの照明光(IL1B,IL2B)により均一な照度分布で照射されるため、レンズの熱変形や屈折率の変化における高次の変動成分が減少し、高次の球面収差変動も減少する。しかも、非感光性の照明光(IL2B)は感光基板(13)上の投影像には影響を与えない。

#### [0013]

【発明の実施の形態】以下、本発明の投影露光装置の実施の形態の第1の例につき図1~図3を参照して説明する。本例は、レチクル上のパターンを投影光学系を介してウエハ上の各ショット領域に投影するステッパー型の投影露光装置に本発明を適用したものである。

【0014】図1は、本例の投影露光装置の概略構成を

示し、この図1に示すように本例の投影露光装置には3 つの光源部(図1では2つの光源部1,2が現れてい る)が設けられている。露光時には、第1の光源部1か らはウエハ13上のフォトレジストに感光性の波長入1 の照明光 | L 1 が射出され、第2の光源部2及び不図示 の第3の光源部からはウエハ13上のフォトレジストに 非感光性の波長入2の照明光 IL2が射出される。光源 部1の水銀ランプよりなる光源21から射出された照明 光は、楕円鏡22によって第2焦点に集光した後、発散 光となって、不図示の干渉フィルター等に入射し、干渉 フィルターにより例えばi線(波長365nm)の照明 光! L1が抽出される。次に、照明光! L1はインプッ トレンズ23により平行光束となってオプティカルイン テグレータとしてのフライアイレンズ24に入射する。 フライアイレンズ24の各レンズエレメントの夫々の射 出面には2次光源が形成され、これらの2次光源により 面光源が作られる。フライアイレンズ24の射出面に は、面光源の大きさを調整するための切り換え自在の複 数の開口絞り26A~26C(図2(a)参照)が配置 されている。これらの開口絞り26A~26Cは、ター レット状の円板25に固定され、円板25を駆動装置2 5 Aで回転することで所望の開口絞りをフライアイレン ズ24の射出面に設定できる。

【0015】図2(a)は、図1の円板25上の開口絞 りの具体的な構成を説明するための平面図を示し、この 図2(a)において、3個の開口絞り26A~26Cは ターレット状の円板25の周辺に等角度間隔で固定され ている。第1の開口絞り26Aは通常の照明を行う場合 に使用される円形開口を有し、第2の開口絞り26Bは 小さいコヒーレンスファクタ(σ値)で照明を行う場合 に使用される小さい円形開口を有する。第3の開口絞り 26Cは、大きな円形開口を有し、本例では輪帯照明、 又は変形照明を行う場合にその第3の開口絞り26Cを フライアイレンズ24の射出面に設定する。即ち、通常 輪帯照明時には図2(b)に示す輪帯状の開口絞り26 Dが使用され、変形照明時には図2(c)に示す光軸を 中心として配置された4個の小さい開口を有する開口絞 り26Eが使用される。しかし、本例では後述の変形ミ ラー5等によって、実質的に開口絞り26D等が兼用さ れる。図1では第3の開口絞り26℃が照明光1L1の 光路上に配置されている。

【0016】開口絞り26Cを通過した照明光IL1は、第1リレーレンズ27を透過し、視野絞り(レチクルブラインド)28により照明範囲が規定される。照明範囲が規定された照明光IL1は、光源部1から射出されて第2リレーレンズ3を介して、照明光学系の光軸AXを中心として第2リレーレンズ3側に凹の4角錐状に配置された4枚のミラー6A~6D(図1ではその内の2枚のミラー6A、6Bを示す)からなる変形ミラー5の周囲を通過する。変形ミラー5の4枚のミラーの反射

面は外側を向き、照明光学系の光軸AXに対してほぼ45°傾斜している。更に、変形ミラー5の上面は、開口絞り26Cの配置面に共役な位置に配置されている。変形ミラー5の周囲を通過した照明光 IL1は、コンデンサレンズ9を経てレチクル10に入射する。

【0017】図3(a)は、図1の変形ミラー5をレチクル10側からみた図を示し、この図3(a)において、ミラー6A~6Dは互いに等しい形状で、照明光学系の光軸AXを頂点とする4角錐を形成するように密接して配置されている。また、ミラー6A~6Dの底面の外形17は、全体として光軸AXを中心とする1つの円周を形成している。そして、その外形17と図1の開口絞り26Cの開口の像の外周16との間の輪帯状の領域15を照明光 | L1が通過するように構成されている。即ち、本例の変形ミラー5は、輪帯状の開口絞りを兼用している。

【0018】図1に戻り、変形ミラー5は退避交換装置 8によって照明光 | L 1の光路外に退避できると共に、 別の変形ミラーと交換できるように構成されている。次 に、第2の光源部2は非露光用の光源、及びその光源か らの光束を所定の拡がり角で放出するレンズ系等を含ん で構成されている。そして、レチクル10の左上部に配 置された光源部2から射出されたフォトレジストに非感 光性の照明光 I L 2 は、リレーレンズ 4 により平行光束 にされ、一部が照明光学系の光軸AXと直交する方向か ら変形ミラー5中のミラー6Aに入射する。照明光 IL 2の一部はミラー6Aにより下方に向けて反射される。 ミラー6Aの下方を通過した照明光 I L 2は、ミラー7 A, 7Bにより反射されて変形ミラー5中のミラー6B に入射し、ミラー6Bにより反射された光束は、ミラー 6 Aで反射された光束と共にコンデンサレンズ9に入射 する。不図示であるが、光源部2、リレーレンズ4、及 びミラー7A、7Bよりなる光学系と同様の光学系は図 1の紙面に垂直な方向にも配置されており、この図1の 紙面に垂直な方向に配置された第3の光源部からのフォ トレジストに非感光性の照明光(これも照明光 | L 2 と する)は、変形ミラー5中のミラー6C,6D(図3参 照)により下方に反射される。従って、照明光1L2 は、図3(a)において照明光 IL1が通過する輪帯状 の領域15の内側の円形の領域で反射される。

【0019】図1において、変形ミラー5の周囲を通過した照明光 I L 1、及び変形ミラー5により反射された照明光 I L 2は、共にコンデンサレンズ9によりレチクル10上に照射される。レチクル10上に照射された照明光 I L 1, I L 2は、レチクル上のパターン領域を通過し、投影光学系12を介してウエハ13上に照射される。露光用の照明光 I L 1のもとで、投影光学系12に関してレチクル10のパターン面とウエハ13の表面とは共役であり、照明光 I L 2は、ウエハ13上のフォトレジストに非感光性であるため、その露光用の照明光 I

L1により照明されたレチクル10上のパターン像だけがウエハ13上のフォトレジストを感光させる。この場合、投影光学系12内の瞳面PS、即ちレチクル10のパターン面に対する光学的フーリエ変換面は開口絞り26Cの配置面ひいては変形ミラー5の上面と共役であり、瞳面PSには開口絞りASが配置されている。

【0020】照明光 | L1の波長入1及び照明 | L2の 波長入2は、フォトレジストの種類及び投影光学系12 のレンズを形成する硝材の種類等により異なるが、通常 の場合、波長入1は530nm未満、波長入2は530 nm以上の波長を選択する。露光用の照明光IL1とし ては、本例では水銀ランプのi線が使用されているが、 それ以外に水銀ランプのg線(波長436nm)等の輝 線、ArFエキシマレーザ光(波長193. 2 nm)や KrFエキシマレーザ光(波長248.5nm)、ある いは銅蒸気レーザやYAGレーザの高調波等が使用でき る。また、照明光 I L 2 としては、フォトレジストを感 光させない波長で、レンズの硝材又はコーティング膜で の単位面積当たりの光吸収量が全体として照明光 | L 1 に近いものが好ましい。その意味から、照明光1L2と しては、光吸収率が小さいときには光源の光強度が強 く、一方光源の光強度が小さいときには、投影光学系1 2のレンズの硝材又はコーティング膜に対する光吸収率 のできるだけ大きなものが好ましい。照明光 I L 2 の一 例としては、例えばHe-Neレーザからのレーザビー ム(波長633nm)等が挙げられる。

【0021】なお、投影光学系のレンズ用の硝材とし て、石英や紫外域から近赤外域までの透過率が良好な所 定のガラスが使用された場合、これらの硝材は、約2 μ m以上の長い波長からかなりの光吸収率を有するので、 照明光 I L 2 として、フッ化水素 (HF) ガスの化学反 応を利用したΗ F 化学レーザ光 (波長 2. 4~3. 4 μ m) 等を使用してもよい。また、石英以外の光学ガラス は、不純物を含んでいるため、530nm以上の波長で も1%/cmに近い光吸収率を有するものもあり、この ような1%/cmに近い光吸収率を有する照明光でも十 分有効である。このような照明光の例としては、水素 (H2) 放電管からのC線(波長656.3nm) やヘリ ウム (He) 放電管からの d線 (波長 5 8 7 . 6 n m) 等が挙げられる。図1において、照明光学系の光軸AX は投影光学系12の光軸と合致しており、以下では光軸 - AXに平行に2軸を取り、2軸に垂直な2次元平面上で 図1の紙面に平行にX軸、図1の紙面に垂直にY軸を取

【0022】レチクル10はX方向、Y方向、及び回転方向に微動可能なレチクルステージ11上に載置されている。レチクルステージ10の位置は外部のレーザ干渉計(不図示)により精密に計測されており、そのレーザ干渉計の測定値に基づいてレチクルステージ11の位置が制御されている。一方、ウエハ13は不図示のウエハ

って説明する。

ホルダを介して×方向、Y方向、及びZ方向にウエハを位置決めするウエハステージ14上に載置され、ウエハステージ14の位置は、外部のレーザ干渉計により精密に計測されており、その計測値に基づいてウエハステージ14の位置が制御されている。ウエハステージ14によりウエハ13の各ショット領域の中心を投影光学系12の露光中心に移動する動作と、露光動作とがステップ・アンド・リピート方式で繰り返されて、レチクル10上のパターンの像がウエハ13上の各ショット領域に転写される。

【0023】次に、本例の投影露光装置の動作について 説明する。本例では、先ず図1に示すように、大きな開 口を有する開口絞り26Cと、変形ミラー5とを組み合 わせて露光用の照明光 | L 1 で実質的に輪帯照明を行っ ているため、例えば所定の周期的なパターンに対して高 い解像度が得られる。また、図3(a)に示すように、 投影光学系12の瞳面PSとほぼ共役な面上で、フォト レジストに感光性の照明光 | L 1 は輪帯状の領域 1 5 を 通過し、変形ミラー5の反射面により反射されたフォト レジストに非感光性の照明光 I L 2 は、領域 1 5 の内側 の領域を通過する。このような照明状態で、照明光 I L 1, IL2を図1のレチクル10を経て投影光学系12 に入射させると、投影光学系12の瞳面PS上で、照明 光 I L 1, I L 2 は全体として光軸 A X を中心とする円 形領域内を通過する。従って、その瞳面PSの付近の投 影光学系12のレンズは周辺部ばかりでなく中心部も熱 エネルギーを吸収して温度上昇する。そのため、瞳面P S付近のレンズでは熱変形や屈折率変化の2次の変動成 分の割合が高次の変動成分に対して大きくなる。投影光 学系12の球面収差変動は、瞳面PS付近のレンズの熱 変形や屈折率の変化にほぼ比例するため、球面収差変動 も2次の成分が多くなり、投影光学系12の高次の球面 収差変動が抑えられる。

【0024】なお、図1では輪帯照明用の変形ミラー5を使用したが、本例では図2(c)に示す変形照明用の関口絞り26Eを兼用する4角錐状の変形ミラー5A(図3(b)参照)も用意されている。即ち、変形照明を行うときには、図1の退避交換装置8を介して変形ミラー5の代わりに変形ミラー5Aを照明光 | L1の光路上に設定する。

【0025】図3(b)は、変形照明用の変形ミラー5 Aを図1のレチクル10側から見た図を示し、この図3(b)において、変形ミラー5 Aを構成する4個のミラー19 A~19 Dは互いに等しい扇状で、光軸A X を頂点とするレチクル10に凸面を向けた4角錐を形成するように密接して配置されている。また、ミラー19 A~19 Dはレチクル10側の面が反射面となっており、ミラー19 A~19 Dのレチクル10から見た外形は全体として光軸A X を中心とする1つの円周16 A となっている。この円周16 A は、図3(a)の照明光1 L 1が

通過する円形の領域の外周16とほぼ等しい。また、各ミラー19A~19Dの外形の円周16Aの内側に等角度間隔で、レチクル10側から見て円形の透過部18A~18Dを図1の露光用の照明光IL1が透過するように構成されている。この変形ミラー5Aが、図2(c)の変形照明用の開口絞り26Eを兼用している。

【0026】即ち、本例で変形照明を行うときには、図 1の退避交換装置8を介して、図1の変形ミラー5の代 わりに変形ミラー5Aを角錐の頂点が光軸AXに一致す るように、且つその頂点をレチクル10側に向けて配置 する。これによって、照明光 | L 1 は 4 個の透過部 1 8 A~18Dを透過して図1のレチクル10上に照射され る。一方、非露光用の照明光IL2は、図3(b)の円 周16A内で透過部18A~18Dを除く領域で反射さ れてレチクル10上に照射される。変形ミラー5Aの上 面は投影光学系12の瞳面PSと共役であるため、投影 光学系12の瞳面PS上では、光軸AXを中心とする円 形の領域が照明光!L1及び!L2によって照明され る。従って、変形照明法で高い解像度が得られると共 に、髙次の球面収差変動が抑えられる。しかも、非露光 用の照明光IL2は結像特性には悪影響を与えない。ま た、図1において、通常の照明法を用いるときには、退 避交換装置8を介して変形ミラー5,5Aを照明光1L 1の光路から退避させて、開口絞りとして図2 (a) の 開口絞り26A、26Bを設定すればよい。

【0027】なお、図3(a)又は図3(b)の変形ミラー5,5Aの反射面でフォトレジストに感光性の照明光 | L1を反射し、フォトレジストに非感光性の照明光 | L2の一部を遮光するような構成にしてもよい。このような構成にする場合は、図1において、光源部1,2及び関連する光学系の配置を入れ換えると共に、例えば図3(a)の変形ミラー5の代わりに、中央部に照明光 | L2が透過するように円形の透過部を設け、その透過部の周辺に照明光 | L2に対して直交する方向から入射する照明光 | L1を反射する輪帯状の反射面を有する変形ミラーを使用すればよい。

【0028】次に、本発明の実施の形態の第1の例の変形例について、図4を参照して説明する。本変形例は、露光用の照明光とフォトレジストに非感光性の照明光とを予め合成し、その合成光をレチクル10の手前に設けた波長選択性を有する開口絞りにより再び2つの照明光に分けて、レチクル10を照明するように構成したものである。図4において図1に対応する部分には同一符号を付し、その詳細説明を省略する。

【0029】図4は、本変形例の投影露光装置の概略構成を示し、この図4において、図1の光源部1と同様にフォトレジストに対して感光性の照明光 IL1Aを射出する光源部1Aと、図1の光源部2と同様にフォトレジストに対して非感光性の照明光 IL2Aを射出する光源

部2Aとを互いに位置を代える形で配置している。そし て、それらの照明光IL1Aと照明光IL2Aとが交差 する位置に偏光ビームスプリッター31を配置してい る。本変形例の照明光 | L 1 A 及び | L 2 A はそれぞれ P偏光の直線偏光であるとする。光源部2Aの視野絞り から射出された波長入2のP偏光の照明光1L2Aは、 リレーレンズ4Aにより平行光束にされて偏光ビームス プリッター31を透過し、1/4波長板34により円偏 光に変換される。一方、光源部1Aの視野絞りから射出 され、リレーレンズ3Aにより平行光束にされたP偏光 の照明光IL1Aは、照明光IL2Aの光路に直交する 方向から偏光ビームスプリッター31を透過して、1/ 4波長板32を経てミラー33により反射されて再び1 / 4波長板32に入射してS偏光に変換される。S偏光 に変換された照明光ILIAは、偏光ビームスプリッタ ー31により反射されて、1/4波長板34に入射し、 円偏光に変換される。1/4波長板34により円偏光に 変換された照明光IL1A、IL2Aは、リレーレンズ 35及び36を経て波長選択性を有する開口絞り37に 入射する。

【0030】図5(a)は、開口絞り37の平面図を示し、この図5(a)において、開口絞り37は波長入1の照明光 IL1Aを透過し、波長入2の照明光 IL2Aを殆ど透過しない輪帯状の光学フィルター39と、波長入1の照明光 IL1を殆ど透過しない円形の光学フィルター38とから構成されている。また、開口絞り37は中心が光軸AXに合致するように投影光学系12の瞳面PSと共役な面上に配置されている。そして、光源部1Aからの照明光 IL1Aは輪帯状の光学フィルター39を含む領域に照射され、光源部2Aからの照明光 IL2Aは円形の光学フィルター38を含む領域に照射されている。

【0031】偏光ビームスプリッター31により合成された2つの照明光 I L 1 A, I L 2 Aは、開口絞り37を通過した後、コンデンサレンズ9を介してレチクル10上に照射される。レチクル10のパターン像は投影光学系12を介してウエハ13上に投影される。投影光学系12の瞳面 P S 上では、第1の例と同様の照明光 I L 1 A, I L 2 Aがほぼ円形の領域を通過する。以下の照明光 I L 1 A, I L 2 Aの光路は第1の例と同様につき説明を省略する。

【0032】本変形例によれば、第1の例と同様の高次の球面収差低減効果が得られると共に、波長選択性を有する開口絞り37により照明光 I L 1 A, I L 2 Aの通過領域を規定するため、第1の例のように変形ミラー5を用いるという複雑な構成が不要である。また、波長入2の光源部2 Aが1つで済むため、装置全体をコンパクトに構成できる。また、偏光ビームスプリッター31で合成された直線偏光の2光束は、1/4波長板34によって円偏光に変換されるので、ウエハ13上に結像する

際に、レチクル10のパターンの方向が変わっても良好な転写が行われる。なお、偏光ビームスプリッター31に代えて図4の2点鎖線で示すように、ダイクロイックミラー31Aを使用することもできる。このダイクロイックミラー31Aは、照明光IL2Aを透過して、照明光IL1Aを反射する波長選択性を有し、これによって両照明光IL1A、IL2Aが無駄なく合成される。この際には1/4波長板32、34及びミラー33は不要となり、構成が簡単となる。また、図4の開口絞り37は、図1の退避交換装置8と同様の装置によって変形照明用の開口絞り37Aと交換できるように構成されている。

【0033】図5(b)は、変形照明を行う際に図4の開口絞り37の代わりに用いられる波長選択性を有する開口絞り37Aの平面図を示し、この図5(b)において、開口絞り37Aは、波長入1の照明光 I L 1 Aを透過し、波長入2の照明光 I L 2 Aを殆ど透過しない4個の小さい円形の光学フィルター40A~40Dを除く領域で波長入2の照明光 I L 2 Aを透過し、波長入1の照明光 I L 1 Aを殆ど透過しない外形が円形の光学フィルター41 は、図5

(a)の光学フィルター39の外径とほぼ等しい外径をもち、その外周近くに等角度間隔で形成された4個の小さな円形の開口部を有し、それら4個の開口部にそれぞれ光学フィルター40A~40Dが設けられている。露光用の照明光IL1Aは、4個の光学フィルター40A~40Dを通過し、フォトレジストに非感光性の照明光IL2Aは、その光学フィルター40A~40Dの周囲の光学フィルター41を通過する。これによって変形照明が行われると共に、高次の球面収差変動が抑制される。

【0034】なお、図5(a)及び図5(b)において、光源部1Aからの照明光IL1Aが透過する光学フィルター38及び40A~40Dとしては、できるだけ光源部2Aからの照明光IL2Aを透過しないものが、高次の球面収差変動を低減する効果が大きく、望ましい。次に、本発明の投影露光装置の実施の形態の第2の例について図6を参照して説明する。本例は、輪帯状の瞳フィルターを使用する場合に本発明を適用したものである。なお、図6において図1に対応する部分には同一符号を付し、その詳細説明を省略する。

【0035】図6は、本例の投影露光装置の概略構成を示し、この図6において、簡単のため、投影光学系12を上部レンズ系12A及び下部レンズ系12Bに分けて説明する。本例では、それらの上部レンズ系12A及び下部レンズ系12Bの間の瞳面PSの近傍に図1の変形ミラー5と同様の4角錐型の変形ミラー5Bを配置している。図1の光源部1と同様の光源部1Bの視野絞りから射出されたフォトレジストに感光性の波長入1の照明

光IL1Bは、コンデンサレンズ42を介してレチクル 10上に照射される。光源部1B内の開口絞りは図2 (a)の開口絞り26Cと同様の大きな円形である。レ チクル10を透過した照明光 | L1Bは、上部レンズ系 12Aにより光学的にフーリエ変換されて、変形ミラー 5 Bの周囲を通過する。この変形ミラー5 Bにより、フ オトレジストに感光性の照明光 I L 1 B が光軸 A X を中 心とする円形領域で遮光される。即ち、変形ミラー5 B は輪帯状の瞳フィルターを兼用している。一方、図1の 光源部2と同様の光源部2Bから射出された波長入2の フォトレジストに非感光性の照明光 1 L 2 B は、リレー レンズ4日で平行光束にされた後、一部が変形ミラー5 Bの第1の反射面でウエハ13側に向けて反射される。 この場合、図1の第1の例と同様に変形ミラー5Bの下 方を通過した照明光 | L 2 Bを反射して、変形ミラー5 Bの第2の反射面に入射させるためのミラー7A, 8A が配置されている。

【0036】更に、本例でも図6の紙面に垂直な方向に、変形ミラー5 Bの第3及び第4の反射面に対して波長入2の照明光を供給する光源部等が設けられている。変形ミラー5 Bで反射された照明光 I L 2 Bは、下部レンズ系12 Bを介してウエハ13上に照射される。本例では、投影光学系12の瞳面 P Sに配置された変形ミラー5 Bにより露光用の照明光 I L 1 Bの光軸A X 近傍の領域が遮光されるため、所定のパターンに対して輪帯での中心遮光型の瞳フィルターを設置した場合と同様の高い解像度が得られる。また、下部レンズ系12 Bの硝材は、2波長の照明光 I L 1 B,I L 2 Bにより均一な照度分布で照明されるため、高次の熱変形や屈折率の変化が抑えられ、投影光学系12の高次の球面収差変動が抑えられる。

【0037】なお、本発明の実施の形態の第1の例において補足したように、変形ミラー5Bの反射面でフォトレジストに感光性の照明光IL1Bを反射し、それ以外の部分でフォトレジストに非感光性の照明光IL2Bを透過させるような構成にしてもよい。このような構成にしてもよい。このような構成にする場合は、図6において、光源部1B,2B、レチクル10、上部レンズ系12A、及び関連する光学系の配置を入れ換えると共に、変形ミラーとして、中央部に照明光IL2Bが透過するように円形の開口を設け、その開口部の周辺に照明光IL2Bに対して直交する方向から入射する照明光IL1Bに対して輪帯状の反射面を有する変形ミラーを使用すればよい。

【0038】次に、本発明の実施の形態の第2の例の変形例について、図7を参照して説明する。本変形例の投影露光装置の投影光学系までの構成は、図4の第1の例の変形例とほぼ同様であり(但し、開口絞り37が省かれている)、図7において図4及び図6に対応する部分には同一符号を付し、その詳細説明を省略する。図7は、本例の投影露光装置の概略構成を示し、この図7に

おいて、投影光学系12の上部レンズ系12A及び下部 レンズ系12Bの間の瞳面PSの近傍に図5(a)の開 口絞り37と同様の波長選択性を有する開口絞り43を 配置している。光源部2Aから射出されたフォトレジス トに非感光性の波長入2の照明光 I L 2 A、及び光源部 1 Aから射出されたフォトレジストに感光性の波長λ1 の照明光 | L 1 Aは、偏光ビームスプリッター31で合 成され、レチクル10を透過して投影光学系12の上部 レンズ系12Aで光学的にフーリエ変換されて、開口絞 り43に入射する。 開口絞り43には、図5(a)と同 様にフォトレジストに感光性の照明光IL1Aのみを透 過する輪帯状の光学フィルターと、その内側でフォトレ ジストに非感光性の照明光 IL2Aのみを透過する円形 の光学フィルターとが形成されており、開口絞り43は 照明光 | L 1 A に対して中心遮光型の瞳フィルターとし て作用する。もう一方の照明光 | L 2 A は照明光 | L 1 Aが遮光された円形領域を通過した後、下部レンズ系1 2 Bを介してウエハ13上に入射する。

【0039】本変形例では、投影光学系12の瞳面PSに配置された開口絞り43により、図6の例と同様に高い解像度が得られる。また、下部レンズ系12Bの硝材は、2つの照明光IL1A、IL2Aにより均一な照度分布で照明されるため、高次の球面収差変動が抑えられる。なお、光源部1Aからの照明光IL1Aを透過する光学フィルターとしては、光源部2Aからの照明光IL2Aをできるだけ透過しない光学フィルターが、高次の収差を低減する効果が大きく望ましい。なお、図4の例と同様に、偏光ビームスプリッター31に代えてダイクロイックミラーを使用してもよい。

【0040】次に、上述の実施の形態において、投影光

学系12のレンズに対する照度分布が均一化され、高次の収差変動が抑えられることを計算例に基づいて説明する。先ず、照明光の照射による上昇後の温度分布を計算する。レンズを円筒形に近似して、レンズの側面から計算での空気を通して熱が流出せず、レンズの線が金属とであることにより、その縁からのみ熱が流出し、レンズの場でであるとする。そのレンズの半径方向の距離を表す変数を r とすれば、上昇後の温度分布は変換 r の関数 T (r)となり、レンズの単位体積当たりのと、レンズの外半径を a とすると、熱平衡状態での円筒座標系での熱伝導方程式は、次式のように表せる。

[0041]

【数1】 $\partial^2 T/\partial r^2 + (1/r) \partial T/\partial r + \omega$ (r)/ $\lambda = 0$ 

この熱伝導方程式を解くと、次式のようになる。

[0042]

【数2】

$$T (r) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i J_0 (p_i \cdot r)$$

【0043】ここで、 $J_n(p_i \cdot r)$  は第1種第n次 (n=0, 1, 2, …) のベッセル (Bessel) 関数で、 $p_i$  は $J_1(p_i \cdot a) = 0$  を満たす数列である (i=1, 2, 3, …)。また、係数 $B_i$  は次式により求められる。

[0044]

【数3】

B i = 2 
$$\int_{0}^{\omega} (r) \int_{0}^{\omega} (p_{i} \cdot r) r dr / \{ \lambda p_{i}^{2} a^{2} [J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot a)]^{2} \}$$

【0045】特に、熱吸収量 $\omega$  (r) が照射領域の半径 (照射半径) 内で階段状の関数で表されるとき、即ち或るj ( $1 \le j \le N$ ) において、変数r が、 $h_j \le r \le h_{j+1}$ を満たす区間において、熱吸収量 $\omega$  (r) が一定値

ωj をとるとき、次の関係が成立する。 【 0 0 4 6 】 【 数 4 】

$$\int_{0}^{a} \omega (r) \int_{0}^{a} (p_{i} \cdot r) r dr = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \int_{0}^{a} \omega_{j} \cdot \int_{0}^{a} (p_{i} \cdot r) r dr$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} \omega_{j} \{h_{j+1} \cdot J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot h_{j+1}) - h_{j} \cdot J_{1} (p_{i} \cdot h_{j}) \} / p_{i}$$

【0047】従って、(数4)を(数3)に代入することにより係数 $B_i$ が求められ、この係数 $B_i$ を(数2)に代入することにより、上昇後の温度分布T(r)が求められる。次に、上昇後の温度分布T(r)により、ど

の次数の収差変動が多く現れるかを調べるために、上昇後の温度分布 T(r) を以下のように最小 2 乗法で r 10 の項までベキ級数展開すると、次式のようになる。

[0048]

【数5】T  $(r) = T_0 + C_2 \cdot r^2 + C_4 \cdot r^4 + C_6 \cdot r^6 + C_8 \cdot r^8 + C_{10} \cdot r^{10}$ 

この場合、上昇後の温度分布 T(r) の単位は $\mathbb{C}$ 、変数 r の単位はmmである。また、T(r) は、光軸 AX、即ち変数 r が 0 の位置における上昇後の温度分布 T(0) である。

【0050】第1の計算例では、先ず比較のため、照明光の全照射エネルギー量が1Wで、 $\sigma$ 値が0.75の範囲内でレンズが一様に照射されている場合について計算する。図8(a)は、第1の計算例による上昇後の温度分布T(r)を示し、横軸は変数r、縦軸は上昇後の温度分布T(r)を表す。実線の曲線46Aに示すように、上昇後の温度分布T(r)は原点、即ち光軸AXに関して軸対称な山型の変化を示す。なお、参考として、照明光の照射エネルギー密度P(r)を点線47Aにより示す。照射エネルギー密度P(r)を点線47Aにより示す。照射エネルギー密度P(r)は、変数rが0~d(照射半径)の間で一定の値P1となる。また、光軸AXでの温度分布T0、及び温度分布T(r)を(数5)によりべキ級数に展開したときの係数 $C_2$ ~ $C_{10}$ を表1に示す。

#### [0051]

#### 【表1】

光軸における上昇後 の温度分布丁。	1. 8182×10 <sup>-1</sup>
係数 C2 C4 C6 C2	$-1.3450 \times 10^{-4}$ $4.4000 \times 10^{-8}$ $-9.9006 \times 10^{-11}$ $8.2983 \times 10^{-14}$ $-2.0745 \times 10^{-17}$

【0052】次に、第2の計算例について説明する。この計算例は輪帯照明だけ行われた場合の例であり、第1の計算例と同様に比較のための計算例である。 $\sigma$ 値は最大で0.75で、輪帯の内側の $\sigma$ 値は0.5である。その $\sigma$ 値が0.5~0.75の間でレンズが一様に照明され、全照射エネルギー量が1Wである場合について上昇後の温度分布T(r)を計算したものである。

【0053】図4(b)は、第2の計算例による上昇後

の温度分布 T (r) を示し、この図 4 (b) において、実線の曲線 4 6 B に示すように、上昇後の温度分布 T (r) は変数 r がほぼ 0  $\sim$  e の間で一定の上昇温度 T B となる。点線 4 7 B で示す照射エネルギー密度 P (r) は、変数 r が e  $\sim$  d の間で一定の値 P 2 となり、変数 r が 0  $\sim$  e の間では 0 となっている。第 1 の計算例と同様に、光軸 A X での上昇後の温度分布 T (r) を(数 5)によりベキ級数に展開したときの係数  $C_2$   $\sim$   $C_{10}$  を表 2 に示す。

#### [0054]

#### 【表2】

光軸における上昇後 の温度分布T。	1. 0744×10 <sup>-1</sup>
係数 C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>10</sub>	$-3.4321\times10^{-5}$ $2.7328\times10^{-7}$ $-6.3961\times10^{-10}$ $4.5319\times10^{-13}$ $-1.0513\times10^{-16}$

【0055】次に、第3の計算例について説明する。この計算例は、図1、図4、図6、図7に示す実施の形態のように、ウエハ13上のフォトレジストに感光性の照明光及びそのフォトレジストに非感光性の照明光によりレンズが照明されている場合の上昇後の監度分布T(r)を求めるものである。この場合、 $\sigma$ 0.75から0.5の範囲内では、フォトレジストに感光性の照明光により全照射エネルギー量が1Wでレンズが一様に照明され、 $\sigma$ 値が0.5から0.0の範囲内においては、フォトレジストに非感光性の波長の照明光により、照射エネルギー密度 $\sigma$ 1.75から0.5の範囲での照射エネルギー密度 $\sigma$ 1.75から0.5の範囲での照射エネルギー密度 $\sigma$ 1.75なようにレンズが照明されているものとする。

【0056】図4(c)は、第3の計算例による上昇後の温度分布T(r)を示し、この図4(c)において、実線の曲線46Cに示すように、上昇後の温度分布T(r)は原点、即ち光軸AXに最大値TCを有し、光軸AXに関して軸対称な山型の変化を示す。また、照射エネルギー密度P(r)は階段状に変化する点線47Cに示すように、変数rがe~dの間で一定の値P2となり、変数rが0~eの間では一定の値P3(=P2/2)となっている。また、光軸AXでの温度分布T0、及び温度分布T(r)を(数5)によりベキ級数に展開したときの係数C2~C10を表3に示す。

[0057]

【表3】

光軸における上昇後 の温度分布下。	2. 1736×10 <sup>-1</sup>
係数 C2 C4 C6 C6	$-1.3821\times10^{-4}$ $1.7624\times10^{-7}$ $-4.0891\times10^{-19}$ $3.0128\times10^{-13}$ $-7.1235\times10^{-17}$

【0058】なお、第1及び第2の計算例においては、全照射エネルギー量を1Wとし、第3の計算例においては、 $\sigma$ 値が0.75から0.5の範囲内における照射エネルギー量を1Wとしている。この第3の計算例においては、 $\sigma$ 値が0.5~0.0の範囲における照射エネルギー量を加えると、全照射エネルギー量は1Wを超える。これは、第1~第3の計算例におけるウエハ13上のフォトレジストに感光性の照明光の照射エネルギー量を等しくして、露光時間(スループット)が等しくなるように設定したものである。

【0059】第1の計算例に示す照明形態(一様照明) と、第2の計算例に示す照明形態(輪帯照明)とを比較 した場合、表1及び表2で示すように、輪帯照明の方が 一様照明に比較して、光軸AXにおける上昇温度が低 い。それにもかかわらず、例えばベキ級数の係数C4を 比較すると、一様照明の場合の係数C4の値が、4.4 000×10-8に対して、輪帯照明の場合の係数C4 は、2. 7328×10<sup>-7</sup>と、輪帯照明の方が大きくな っている。即ち、一様照明と輪帯照明とを比較すると、 係数C2 以外のベキ級数の係数の絶対値は全て輪帯照明 の方が大きくなっている。熱変形や屈折率変化は上昇後 の温度分布T(r)に比例するので、収差変動も上昇後 の温度分布T(r)に比例する。係数C2より高次のベ キ級数の係数が全て輪帯照明の方が大きいということ は、輪帯照明の方が高次の収差変動が大きいことを意味 する。

【0060】ここで、図1、図4、図6、図7に示す実施の形態での照明形態を「合成照明」とすれば、合成照明により光軸近傍にも照明光を照射すると、第3の計算例に示すように、全照射量が一様照明や輪帯照明よりも多いのにもかかわらず、表1及び表2に示すように、係数C4の値(=1.7624×10 $^{-7}$ )は、輪帯照明での係数C4の値(=2.7328×10 $^{-7}$ )よりも小さくなっている。更に、係数C6、C8、C10の絶対値を比較すると、何れの係数においても合成照明の方が輪帯照明よりも小さくなっている。これは、合成照明により高次の収差変動が小さくなることを意味する。

【0061】また、第3の計算例においては、 $\sigma$ 値が0 $\sim$ 0.5の間における照射エネルギー密度を、 $\sigma$ 値が0.5 $\sim$ 0.75の間における密度分布の1/2としたが、 $\sigma$ 値が0 $\sim$ 0.75の範囲において全て一様な照射

エネルギー分布により照射されている場合の温度分布T (r)について計算し、図4(b)の輪帯照明の場合と 比較してみる。

【0062】図8(a)のエネルギー密度P1と図8 (b) の照射エネルギー密度 P 2 との間には、 P 2 = 1. 8 · P 1 の関係が成立する。従って、図8 (b) の ような輪帯照明において、σ値が0.5以内の範囲も輪 帯照明領域と等しい照射エネルギー密度で照射する場合 には、図8(a)において、照射エネルギー密度を1. 8倍した状態と等価である。従って、ベキ級数の係数も 全て1.8倍されるので、表1における係数 Ca. Ca. C 8, C10はそれぞれ、7. 9200×10-8, -1. 78  $21 \times 10^{-10}$ , 1.  $4937 \times 10^{-13}$ , -3, 7341×10<sup>-17</sup> となる。これらの係数の値を表2のそれ ぞれの係数と比較した場合、光軸AX近傍の上昇後の温 度分布T() が輪帯照明の場合よりもかなり大きいにもか かわらず、係数 C4 ~ C10までの係数は輪帯照明の場合 より全て小さくなっている。即ち、合成照明により σ値 が0~0.75の範囲内において、輪帯照明と同じ照射 エネルギー密度P2で照射した場合でも、輪帯照明の場 合より高次の収差変動が少ないことを意味している。

【0063】なお、上述の実施の形態はステッパー型の 投影露光装置に本発明を適用したものであるが、本発明 はステップ・アンド・スキャン方式のような走査露光型 の投影露光装置にも適用できる。なお、本発明は上述の 実施の形態に限定されず、本発明の要旨を逸脱しない範 囲で種々の構成を取り得ることは勿論である。

#### [0064]

【発明の効果】本発明の第1の投影露光装置によれば、投影光学系の瞳面と共役な面上で光軸から偏心した領域に分布する光源からの露光用の照明光を用いるため、例えば輪帯照明又は変形照明を行う場合と同じような解像力向上の効果が得られる。また、輪帯照明や変形照明を行う場合に露光用の照明光が通過しない領域に、非感光性の照明光を照射しているため、投影光学系のレンズの高次の熱変形や屈折率変化が減少し、投影光学系の高次の球面収差変動が抑えられる利点がある。

【0065】また、照明光学系が、輪帯状の光源、又は 光軸に対して偏心した位置にある複数の光源からの露光 用の照明光でマスクを照明する場合には、所謂輪帯照明 や変形照明により高い解像度が得られる。また、照明光 学系が、露光用の照明光の照度分布を均一化するための オプティカル・インテグレータを有し、オプティカル・ インテグレータとマスクとの間に、補助照明系からの照 明光をマスクに導く補助光導入部材を設ける場合には、 露光用の照明光と非感光性の照明光とを瞳面と共役な面 上で正確に分離した状態でマスクを照明でき、結像特性 が劣化しない利点がある。

【0066】また、本発明の第2の投影露光装置によれば、波長選択性を有する光学部材によって投影光学系の

瞳面上で光軸から偏心した領域を通過する結像光束を用いるため、輪帯状の中心遮光型の瞳フィルターを設置した場合と同様の解像度が得られる利点がある。更に、投影光学系の瞳面近傍のレンズは、露光用の照明光と感光基板に非感光性の照明光との2つの照明光により均一な照度分布で照射されるため、レンズの熱変形や屈折率の高次の変動成分が減少し、投影光学系の高次の球面収差変動が減少する利点がある。

#### 【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の投影露光装置の実施の形態の第1の例 を示す概略構成図である。

【図2】図1の光源部に設けられた各種の開口絞りを示す拡大平面図である。

【図3】 (a) は図1の変形ミラー5をレチクル側から見た図、(b) は別の変形ミラー5Aをレチクル側から見た図である。

【図4】本発明の実施の形態の第1の例の変形例を示す 概略構成図である。

【図5】 (a) は図4中の開口絞り37を示す平面図、

(b) は別の開口絞り37Aを示す平面図である。

【図6】本発明の投影露光装置の実施の形態の第2の例を示す概略構成図である。

【図7】その実施の形態の第2の例の変形例を示す概略 構成図である。

【図8】本発明の実施の形態において、照射エネルギー による温度分布計算例を説明するための図である。

#### 【符号の説明】

1, 1A, 1B 光源部(露光用)

2, 2A, 2B 光源部 (非露光用)

5,5A,5B 変形ミラー

6A~6D, 19A~19D ミラー

10 レチクル

12 投影光学系

12A 上部レンズ系

12B 下部レンズ系

PS 瞳面

13 ウエハ

14 ウエハステージ

24 フライアイレンズ

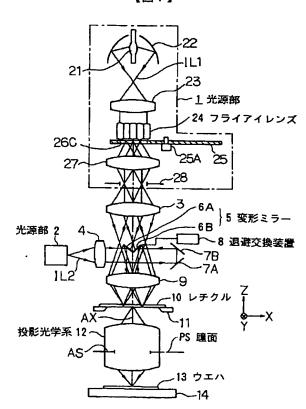
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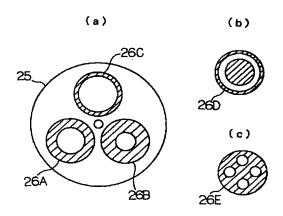
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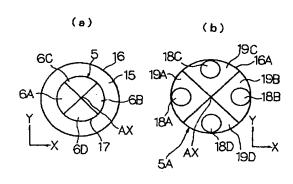
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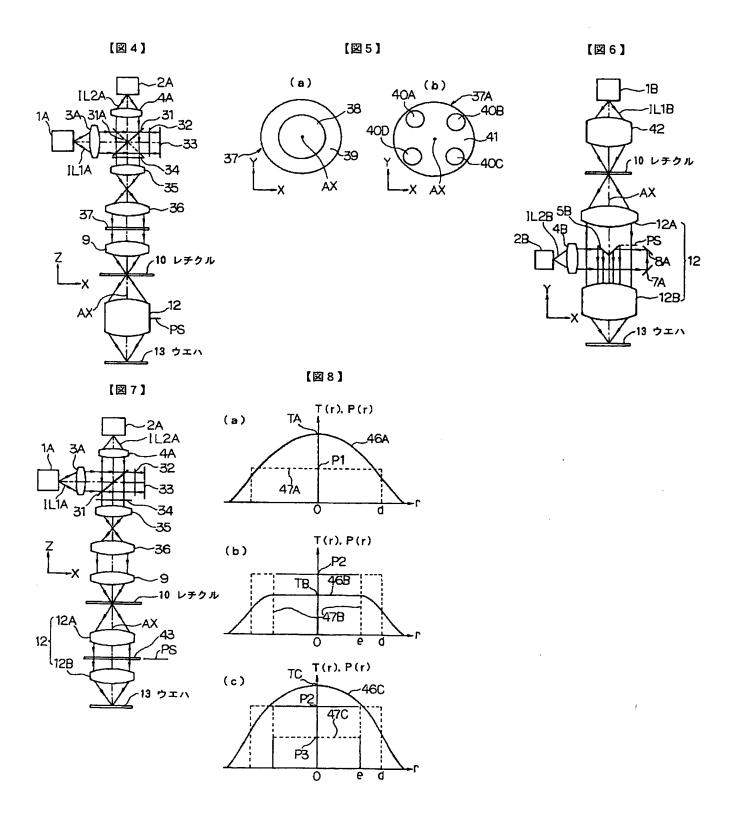


#### [図2]



[図3]





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